

COGAR!

Friday 13th April 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope you all enjoyed the Spring break. This is always a very busy term in school with school trips, sports' day, the annual 5k and Summer Fair and much, much more. Please keep checking Cogar and your child's school bag for any information or notes that are sent home.

Lisa will also be up-dating the Facebook page with activities that are happening and ways to get involved this term.

Save the Date!

Our annual 5k event, with Letterkenny Athletics Club, will be on Tuesday 1st May at 7.30pm. The route will be the same as last year and more details will follow next week.

Assembly

At assembly this morning Áine chatted to the children about some of the learning that will be happening over the next 2 months in school.

During the months of May and June our Learn Together theme focuses on families and learning about ourselves. The children and Áine discussed all the different types of families in our school and everyone agreed that family is any group of people who care for and love each other.

The classes will be exploring this in more detail over the next few weeks.

This term is also when the themes of relationships and sex education (RSE) are taught in classes, along with the Stay Safe programme. Copies of all the information that is going to be

covered will be sent home next week so that you can chat to your child about this at home.

While the teachers will cover the content in classes we always encourage parents to provide opportunities for their children to have spoken about these topics at home first. Generally, this means that the children are more comfortable and prepared for engaging in discussions in school.

Fun Friday

Next week's Fun Friday is 'Art and Crafts'. The children will be some extra art activities in class.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Asia i Rang Verity, le Roisin i rang Louise, le Breandán i rang Rachel, le Lena i rang Jennifer, le Jayden i rang Barbara, le Orla i rang Ciara, le Jakub i rang Nakita agus le Amy i rang Paul.

Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all of the family members who joined us for our sponsored walk. The amazing total of €1416.80 was raised which will be used to buy P.E. equipment for the children. We will be sure to take pictures of the equipment when it arrives that can be shared with everyone.

Hair Cuts!!

Well done and thanks to the wonderful pupils and family members who volunteered to have their hair cut in aid of the Little Princess Trust and to raise money for a defibrillator for our school.

Some money is still being handed into the school so we will let you know the grand total as soon as we can.

Green Team Elections

Mairéad met with the Green Team yesterday to discuss the upcoming Green Team elections and to decide on a theme for this year's posters. We have decided to hold the new Green Team elections on **May 28th**. We also decided to revisit all our previously earned flags and the posters can incorporate all or one of these to

continue to spread awareness of each flag. The flags we have earned to date are **1. Recycling** **2. Energy** **3. Water** and hopefully **4. Transport**.

Those wishing to run for election must create their own poster on one or more of the themes Recycling, Energy, Water and Transport. The children have until **Monday April 30th** to submit their poster to their class teacher. That week, the children will be offered the opportunity to present their poster to their class and discuss why they would like to join the Green Team.

The Green Team

Student Council Elections

We are beginning to prepare for our new student council for September, 2018. Student council elections will be held on May 28th. Children are asked to create their own poster on A4 paper if they would like to apply. The poster can be as imaginative as they like with an emphasis on why they think they would make a good student council representative. Posters need to be submitted by 30th April. This allows us time to display them and gives the children an opportunity to present them.

The elections are a democratic process in which the children vote for 2 people from their class. We will work with the children over the coming weeks so that they understand the importance of a fair vote.

PSA

All parents/guardians are members of our school community and are therefore automatically members of the PSA. You are **needed** and welcome to get actively involved at any time and to attend monthly meetings. Email address is letnspsa2017@gmail.com

You are all cordially invited by the PSA to a coffee morning /get together in the school on Friday 27th April from 9.30am - 10.30am during our Family Friday session. Please

feel free to bring along a snack or treat to share.

Percent for Art Scheme

As part of the budget for our new school we have been given a grant to use to create a piece of art for the school. The first step in the process is to form a committee to lead this project within the school community. There are already a number of parents and teachers who are interested on working together on the project so if you would like to get involved please let Áine or Edwina know.

April Birthdays

Asia
Charlie
Conor
Ethan K
Evie
Cara
Mohamad A (3rd)
Ethan P
Marwin
Jennifer
Musaab
Charlotte
Michaela
Emily L