

COGAR!

Friday 13th May 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly

Our Learn Together theme for this month is 'Democracy'. As part of this theme the Student Council elections will take place on Friday 20th May. The election has been discussed with the children.

Any pupil who wishes to run in the elections must make a poster at home. Candidates for the Student council elections have been asked to design a campaign photo that includes their picture and a campaign slogan.

Posters must be submitted by Thursday 19th May. The posters will be displayed in classrooms initially and then moved into the corridors during the week of the elections. We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is class choice.

Hot Weather!

If the weather is hot and sunny please remember to put high factor sun cream on your child before coming to school and include an extra drink in their lunchbox. All children should also wear a hat to school.

Footwear in the Yard

Please make sure that appropriate footwear is worn to school, we have had a few falls this week due to inappropriate shoes. We understand the weather is hot and it is preferable to wear light shoes, but runners and plimsoles are more suitable for the school yard.

New Language Curriculum

A new language curriculum for all primary schools is being introduced from September 2016. This new curriculum will cover both the English and Gaeilge curriculum.

The Department of Education is currently providing training for all schools on this new curriculum. Part of this programme will involve full day school closures to allow staff to access training. Áine and Éadaion are currently on a training day to get more information about the new curriculum.

The first full training day for staff will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2016. School will be open for staff only on this day. Therefore the children will return to school on Thursday 9th June (school is closed on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th due to the June bank holiday).

Home school Community Liaison (HSCL)

Hi all. The closing date has passed to apply online for school transport. However Bus Eireann are taking late applications. If your child comes to school by public bus please re-register online. This also applies for our 6th class pupils looking to use the school bus for secondary school. Here's the link to register <http://www.buseireann.ie/inner.php?id=257>. Friendship week will be celebrated at the end of this month. We will be revising our anti-bullying policy during this week with the children. The children have been coming up with possible activities we could do during this week during assembly....so watch this space..I will also be stopping all parent classes such as reading workshops, maths and Irish classes for the month of June. Enjoy the fine weather this weekend. Maire HSCL

LETNS Athletics Team -

Congratulations to the LETNS athletics team who were in action in Finn Valley on Wednesday. All the children had a wonderful day and a special congratulations to Akshara who came back to school with a medal for 3rd place in her race. Thank you also to the

Catriona, Rachel, Marie and Nicola for supporting the children during this busy day. Thank you also to Natika and Catriona for their time given to training the children.

The School Door/Pinehill Studios

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent fundraising event in PineHill studios. A great day of fun and Lego was had by all. Thank you to Maggie and Sarah Marie for all their hard work. Maggie popped into the school on Wednesday with a cheque for €677.90. We were delighted to receive this and we will be using it to buy maths resources for the school.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Paul i Rang Lisa, le Francis i rang Verity, le Samuel i rang Louise, le Darren i rang Síne, le Louise i rang Mairéad, le Timothy i rang Stephanie, le Erin i rang Nakita agus le Roy i rang Barbara.

National Walk to School Week 2016

Hi all,

We are still working hard towards gaining our next green flag! The theme is transport.

This year **National Walk to School Week will be running from 16th - 20th May 2016.**

We would like to encourage pupils, parents and teachers to walk to school wherever possible during this week.

We will be holding a National WOW day- Walk on Wednesday on the 18th of May.

Park' n' Stride is also a great way to get involved in this event. Park' n' Stride encourages parking in a nearby carpark and walking to school. Our two designated car parks are **Arena 7** and the old **Aldi (Ramelton Road)**.

Walking to school benefits children in the following ways:

- Walking is known to improve academic performance.
- Walking gives children good life experience.

- Walking gets children outdoors.
- Walking provides daily exercise for children.

Join in Green-Schools' National WOW day on Wednesday 18th May 2016 and help reach the target of 20,000 people walking to school all over Ireland!

Kind regards,
Barbara and Mairéad

Pupils celebrating their birthday in May are:

Asme
Francis
Maria C
Zana
Andrew
Amina
Caragh
Bailey
Ryan P
Mohammed (4th class)
Timothy
Alan
Feranmi
Jordan

Junior Infant Induction Day

This year the induction programme for new Junior Infant pupils will be divided into two sessions.

- An information session for parents only will be held on Wednesday 1st June from 7pm - 8pm in the school.
- The induction day for the new Junior infant pupils will be held on Tuesday 2nd June between 1pm and 2.30pm in the school and we are delighted to welcome all new families to our school. This will be a drop-in session for the new pupils and their parents to allow them to meet with the class teacher and to spend some time in their new classroom.

- The current junior and senior infants will finish at 12.10pm on this day.

In the past a number of parents have volunteered for the evening session to meet the new parents and to help with teas and coffees. It also allows the parents of our new pupils to meet with some of the current parents in our school. Please let Áine or Máire know if you would be available to help out for the hour.