

COGAR!

Friday 15th April 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly

Today's assembly was all about kindness and using kind words. The children and Áine talked about little things we can do to be kind to each other and about how small comments can hurt. We will all continue to be upstanders and to support each other in school and in our communities.

Máire joined Áine for the senior assembly and 5th/6th class helped her to explain the anti-bullying questionnaires that are currently used in the school. Every Tuesday Máire works with 5th and 6th class to complete the questionnaires and to support the children with any issues that are arising. 4th and 3rd class will begin to use these questionnaires with Máire and their class teacher on a weekly basis from next week.

The senior pupils have reported that the weekly questionnaires are really helpful and give them an opportunity to discuss any concerns that they may have with their class teacher or Máire.

The School Door/Pinehill Studios

One of the teachers Maggie (currently on career break) is also the owner/manager of a company called 'The School Door'. Maggie and Sarah Marie McDevitt (Pinehill studios) are running a summer fundraiser and have kindly chosen our school to receive some of the funds raised by the fundraiser. We are delighted to be part of this fundraiser and all monies raised will go directly to the children.

A sheet of €2 lines is being sent home with each family. There is no obligation for any family to use this sheet but any money collected will be gratefully received by Maggie and the school. The sheets can be returned to the class teachers or the school office.

Home school Community Liaison (HSCL)

Hi all, next week 2nd class will be transforming their room into a 'Living Museum'. The children in 2nd class have been working on a famous person they admire and will be dressing up as them Friday 22nd April at 1.40pm. All 2nd class parents are welcome to attend. We will also be doing a fun art workshop on Wednesday 20th April based on the topic famous people. This workshop will start at 1.40pm. The Parent Plus Children's Programme is starting in Letterkenny again on 28th April from 10am - 12pm in the Pastoral Centre. Parents Plus is a 8 week parenting programme for parents who have children from 5 -12 year olds. This programme has been rolled out in the past very successfully. Please call 0864102725 if you would like to participate in this 6 week programme. Have a good weekend.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Emily i Rang Lisa, le Ozzy i rang Verity, le Rebecca G i rang Louise, le Tory i rang Síne, le Jennifer i rang Mairéad, le Emily i rang Stephanie, le Davin i rang Nakita agus le Jordan i rang Barbara.

Fun Friday

Next week's Fun Friday is games. The children can bring a game from home to use in class.

Positive Behaviour Policy

We will be conducting a whole school review of our Positive Behaviour Policy this term and would appreciate feedback from as many parents as possible. To begin the process we would ask that parents would read our current policy, which is available on the school website, and email any feedback to

letnspolicies@gmail.com

Our aim at all times is to have the views of the entire parent body represented during our policy reviews and we understand that it can be

difficult for large numbers of our parents to attend meetings. Therefore, we have created this new email address to allow more parents to become involved in the policies that are in place for our school.

The positive behaviour policy is one of the most important policies for our school community. Ideally we would like parents to discuss this policy at home with their children and the children will also be working on this in school over the course of the term ahead. We look forward to reading all your responses over the coming weeks. As with all school policies a copy is also available on request from the school office.

A draft copy of the recently revised homework policy is also available on the school website and the Board of Management hopes to ratify this policy at our next meeting.

April Birthdays!

Cara G
Mohamed (1st)
Ethan P
Marwin
Hasseb
Charlotte
Michaela
Mussab
Wiktorija Z
Michael L
Kayleigh
Joe McC

5th Class Showcase

Thank you to all the parents who came to see the children present their work in 5th class today. A special thank you to Michael Murphy who also visited the class to see their presentations. The children had to design a shop as part of their homework task and the finished products were amazing. Well done.