

COGAR!

Friday 16th September 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Please note: Pupils should not be left unattended at the school before 8.50am as there is no supervision at this time. Pupils are the responsibility of their parents/guardians until 8.50am.

Assembly

The junior children re-visited the story of 'The Bucket Filler' this morning. Áine will be visiting each class next week to do some more work with the children about how we can be a bucket filling school. If you are not familiar with the story it can be found on YouTube so please take the time to check it out at home.

Respect was the theme for the senior pupils at assembly this morning. Respect for ourselves and for others is one of the most important aspects of our ethos and forms the core of our Learn Together programme.

Áine will be spending time in each class over the coming weeks discussing this important theme with the children and staff.

Junior Infant Full Day

Well done to the Junior Infant children for completing their first fortnight in school. **From Monday 18th September the Junior Infants will finish at 1.40pm.**

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'Bring a toy'.

School Hoodies

School hoodies are once again available providing we have sufficient numbers. Order forms will be available from Edwina on Monday 18th

September. We are currently checking with the company to see if they can provide a zip up version of the hoodies.

September Birthdays

Congratulations to all our pupils who have a birthday in September!

Nicole
Holly
Caomhan
Sophie Kelly
Lily (Junior Infants)
Xavi
Jesse
Lucy
Sophie
Sean
Jakob
Savi
Emre
Matthew
Marta
Michal R
Dominykas
Olivier
Oscar
Liwia

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! Just a little note to let you know **home visits** have started for our new families. I will be giving you a wee ring to find a day/time that suits us to meet. This is just to have a little talk and tell you some information about your child's school life. I'm looking forward to meeting you all!

Courses:

Strengthening Families:

This is a 2 hour session over 14 weeks. Children learn effective communication, understanding feelings, coping with criticism, stress management, social skills, problem solving, resisting peer pressure, consequences of substance use and compliance with parental rules. During the second hour families practice structuring family activities, family meetings, communication skills, effective discipline, reinforcing positive behaviours in each other,

and jointly planning family activities. If you would like more information see <https://www.strengtheningfamiliesprogram.org> / or if you would like to take part let me know.

If you have any queries regarding specific courses or concerns regarding school policies or attendance you can contact me at hsc1@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa ☺

New School Diary

All pupils in 2nd to 6th classes will receive a homework diary this week. We are delighted with these diaries which contain lots of important information about our school. Please take some time to familiarise yourself with the diary. You will note that there is a requirement for parents to sign the diary every evening and to indicate how much time their child has spent on their homework. 1st class will receive their homework diaries when they begin their homework next week.

Homework and Book Rental

Homework will begin for most classes next week (1st class have another week free of homework to allow them to adjust to the longer school day!). Thank you to all the families that have paid book rental. If you have not paid book rental for your child we will be unable to provide them with homework books as we use the book rental money to purchase these books and materials. Please contact Áine to discuss this further.

If at any point during the school year you have concerns regarding your child's homework please speak to the class teacher.

School Calendar

A copy of the calendar for the school year 2017/2018 will be sent home to each family today.