

# COGAR!

Friday 16th December 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

**IMPORTANT!!!**

School closes at 12.10pm on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December for Winter break. School will re-open on Monday, 09<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. Bus drivers have been told about this.

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Winter Assembly/Bake Sale - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am - 11.00am

We would appreciate any donations of baked goods that can be sold at the bake sale.

### Assembly

Michael Murphy joined us for assembly this morning. As you know we are aiming to complete an Ultra Marathon (100K) this year and so far we have completed 25K. Today the teachers chose 6 students from each class to receive a certificate from Michael as a thank you for their effort and enthusiasm over the past number of weeks.

Thank you to Michael for joining us this morning and we look forward to seeing him again before the mid-term break to give out some more certificates.

### Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Mia i Rang Mairéad, le Finn i rang Louise, le Oscar i rang Rachel, le Rebecca G i rang Mary, le Aisling i rang Barbara, le Louise i rang Stephanie, le Aoibh i rang Maggie agus le Wikki i rang Nakita.

### Please bring coats!!

There were a number of children in school today without coats and they were really cold in the yard. Unless there is heavy rain the children go outside to play every day. Please make sure that your child has a suitable warm coat with them during these colder months.

### Winter Assembly

This year the theme for our Winter Assembly is 'Thankfulness'. The children from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class will be working on this theme in class over the coming weeks and we will hold an **open morning on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December between 9.30am - 11.00am** to allow parents/guardians to visit the classrooms where the children's work will be displayed. We will also be holding a bake sale for the Caolan Melaugh fund at the same time so all donations of baked goods would be gratefully received.

### A Snowman At Sunset

Well done to the Junior and Senior Infants for their wonderful performance at the Winter show on Thursday. Thank you also to all the adults who came to support them. It was a tight squeeze in the senior infant room but it means so much to the children to have their families in school with them.

Thank you also to Roisín, Mairéad, Louise, Clíona, Karen and Louise for all their hard work in helping to prepare the children for this special event.

### Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone!

### Secondary schools open days:

Mulroy College-open day Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of January from 10:00am to finish and lunch will be provided. The students are to make their own way to Milford and a parent's information night will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

Loreto Milford - no date confirmed yet but an open day will be held in February

Royal and Prior - application forms due on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January and a transfer day will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. No open day due to strikes but they are hoping to send someone from school to

talk to the children. I'll keep you informed if there is any change.

### **Loreto Convent Letterkenny**

An open evening will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March from 2pm - 6pm.

I hope to run the **transition course in January**. It will run for 2 hours each Thursday and it will cover all aspects of moving from Primary school to Secondary school. I spoke to the lady in the ETB and she has given me the options of **9:30-11:30 or 10:00-12:00** in school or an evening time of **7pm-9pm in the ETB centre in Ard O' Donnell**. If this suits more people I can arrange an evening slot rather than a morning slot. Please let me know as **I need 7-10 people** to run this course.

If you have any queries or questions you can contact me on 086 7232894 or at

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Lisa ☺

### **Season's Greetings!:**

*As this is the last Cogar of this year the staff at Letterkenny Educate Together would like to take this opportunity to wish all our community a restful Winter break. For those of you who will be marking special celebrations such as Christmas, Hanukkah and Winter Solstice we send season's greetings. For those of you expecting a midnight visit from that generous man in the red suit, may we remind you to be tucked up in bed nice and early on the 24<sup>th</sup>!*