

COGAR!

Friday 18th May 2018

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Reminder - June Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 4th June & Tuesday 5th June. School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 6th June at 9am. Bus drivers have been informed of this.

New Child Protection Guidelines

New Child Protection Guidelines have been introduced for all schools. In line with these new guidelines our 'Child Safeguarding Statement' is now available on the school website.

As the area of Child Protection is a high priority the Department of Education is currently providing training for all schools on this new curriculum. Part of this programme will involve one full day school closure to allow staff to access training.

The training day for staff will be held on Tuesday 5th June 2018. School will be open for staff only on this day. Therefore the children will return to school on Wednesday 6th June (school is closed on Monday 4th due to the June bank holiday).

Assembly

At assembly this morning Áine and the children discussed the Student Council elections and the Green Team elections that will be happening next Friday at school. They discussed the process of voting and how the ballot papers will be given out. We also chatted about how you mark your vote and encouraged the children to look at the campaign posters before deciding!

This week saw the beginning of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Thank you to Nida and Amina for talking to us about Ramadan at assembly and about Eid which is the celebration that takes place at the end of Ramadan.

Nida and Amina gave us great information about why Ramadan is important to them and about some of the important facts for us to know about Ramadan. Thanks guys!!

We also had a group of children who made their First Holy Communion over the May holiday and we congratulated them on this special occasion in their faith community. We hope you all had a wonderful day.

If there are special occasions or events happening for your children please let us know about them. The children are our best resources when it comes to sharing with each other at our weekly assemblies and Áine wants to make sure that all our pupils feel valued and celebrated. Please get in touch to keep us up to date with the important things that are happening in our school community.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Bella i Rang Verity, le Lucy i rang Louise, le Chris i rang Rachel, le Oscar i rang Jennifer, le Michal i rang Barbara, le Olivier i rang Ciara, le Joshua i rang Nakita agus le Oscar i rang Paul.

Fun Friday

Fun Friday for next week is 'bring a treat'. Please make sure that any treats sent into school are in line with our Nut Free policy.

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

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 6th June from 7pm - 8pm in the school.
- The induction day for the new Junior infant pupils will be held on Thursday 7th 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 Lisa know if you would be available to help out for the hour.

May Birthdays

Cullan
Ethan
Austin
Joshua O'Neill
Asme
Francis
Maria C
Zana
Andrew
Amina
Caragh
Bailey
Ryan P
Mohammed (6th class)
Timothy
Bailey

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Big Bedtime read:

Senior Infants will be taking part in the Big Bedtime read with Lisa & Louise next week. We will be doing lots of work around the importance of bedtime stories and we are focusing on the book 'Dear Zoo'. The Library is coming to visit us to do some work also and we are very excited about this. The children will be working on a project for their favourite Zoo animal and then we are inviting our family members to join us on Thursday 24th of May at 9:30am to watch the children present their projects. We hope to see you all there! 😊

Family Friday:

Our last Family Friday of the school year will be on the 1st of June. We hope to see as many of you as possible visiting the Junior, Senior, 1st and 2nd classes between 9.30am - 10am. We will be having one of our parents deliver our senior assembly on the day.

Summer Fair

Our annual Summer Fair will be held on Thursday 14th June from 5pm-7pm. If you would like to have a stall at the Summer Fair or are available to help out please let me know.

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

hscl@letterkennyetns.ie

Lisa 😊

Checking for notes!

The next 6 weeks are a busy time in our school. Please keep checking your child's school bag/homework folders for notes that are being sent home about school trips etc.

We will keep you updated through Cogar and our Facebook page of all whole school events that are happening in the coming weeks.