

COGAR!

Friday 20th September 2019

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly

Climate Action was the theme of our assemblies this morning in solidarity with the global Climate Justice strikes that are taking place.

The children and Áine discussed the meaning of climate change, why it is happening and how we can help. Áine asked the children to think of their own 'climate promise' - one thing that they can do to take positive climate action e.g. not using plastic straws, making sure to turn off lights, not wasting water.

We fully support the pupils and families who engaged in the climate strike in Letterkenny today and heard from some of our senior pupils who are passionate about this topic. Thank you Ayla and Yagmur for speaking so well at assembly.

The children also learned a song called 'Climate Action Cannot Wait' that we will be singing at our assemblies this year.

Please take some time to discuss this important issue with your children at home and think about what action you can take as a family. Make your own climate promises!!

Support Our School Secretaries

Thank you to all the staff, pupils, parents, extended family members and the local community who supported Edwina during the work stoppage this morning. School secretaries are vital to the running of schools but unfortunately their terms&conditions/pay structures do not reflect this. We will continue to stand with Edwina (and all school secretaries)

supported by their union Fórsa, as they fight for the recognition they deserve.

Class Meetings

Each year the class teachers at the school organise meetings to allow parents to get an overview of what the children will be learning in school each year. This is also an opportunity to meet the class teacher and to learn about the ways in which you can support your child. Each meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and the timetable for the meetings is as follows:

Tuesday 1st October – **Junior Infants** (in P.E. hall) – 1:00pm – 1:40pm

Tuesday 1st October – **1st & 2nd Class** (in library) – 2:00pm – 2:40pm

Wednesday 2nd October – **Senior Infants** (in P.E. hall) – 1:00pm – 1:40pm

Wednesday 2nd October – **3rd & 4th Class** (in library) – 2:00pm – 2:40pm

Thursday 3rd October – **5th & 6th Class** (in library) – 2:00pm – 2:40pm

Some joint meetings will be held this year to highlight the shared approaches throughout the school and to see the progressions from class to class.

Attendance at these meetings is very important and appreciated by the staff and the children.

Building Work

Thank you to the children and staff in 3rd and 5th class for being so helpful this week as work was completed on their classrooms. The children will be back in their own classrooms from Monday.

We hope to see a reduction in the exclusion zone around An Comhar over the coming weeks as work is completed in this area.

Book Rental

We are trying to collect the final Book Rental payments over the coming week. If you have not paid Book Rental yet, please contact the school office as the school relies on these payments to provide the children with their educational materials.

Home School community Liaison (HSCL)

Happy Friday everyone! It's been great to get the home visits started and have a little catch up with some parents this week. These visits will continue for the next few months until I've had a chance to have a talk with all the new JI adults! I'll be giving you a wee ring to arrange a time that suits you. Looking forward to meeting you all!!☺

Events:

Family Friday: is on 27th of September from 9:30-10:00 in all classes.

Catch up with a cuppa: tea/coffee & biscuits will be served in the school hall on Friday 27th of September from 9:00-9:30am.

Grandparents & Grandfriends day:

We will be hosting our Grandparents & Grandfriends (aunt, uncle, cousin, neighbour, childminder) day on the 11th of October so save the date! More information to follow so watch this space...

Courses:

Courses are being shared on the school Facebook so keep a look out!

If you want to get in touch about anything you can contact me at hscl@letterkennyetns.ie
Lisa ☺

School Calendar

A copy of the calendar for the school year 2019/2020 is available on the school website and school Facebook page. Paper copies are available on request from the school office.

After School Clubs

We will be offering Athletics, Mini-Athletics and Soccer skills training as after school activities for 8 weeks.

Registration for these clubs will be held on Thursday 26th September between 6pm - 6.30pm at the school.

The clubs will last for 8 weeks beginning on Monday 30th September and the cost will be €24

for the 8 sessions which is payable at registration.

The times of the classes are as follow:

Athletics: Tuesdays 2.40pm-3.40pm (1st - 6th)

Mini Athletics Tuesdays 1.40pm-2.40pm (Senior Infants)

Soccer Thursdays at 4.30pm-5.30pm (1st - 6th)

We hope to see your child there!

Please Note: Further after school clubs may be offered after the mid-term break.

Head Lice

We have been informed of some cases of head lice in the school. We would ask that you check your child's hair on a weekly basis and treat if necessary. We would also encourage that long hair is tied back during school hours to minimise spread of head lice.

Head lice is a common issue in schools but requires all adults to take responsibility for checking and treating hair at home to ensure that it doesn't become an on-going issue for the school community.