

COGAR!

Friday 26th February 2016

School Starts At 9, Be On Time!

Assembly - Family Friday

Thank you to the parents from Junior and Senior infants who came into school today to spend some time in the infant classes.

1st and 2nd class had a special visitor this morning. Patrick (Tori and Arron's Dad) came into talk to the children about his job as a fisherman. The children really enjoyed his visit and we are so lucky to have parents who are willing to give up their time for the children in the school.

The pupils in the senior assembly were learning all about the general elections that are taking place today. Our guest speaker, Christy Galligan who was speaking this morning on Highland Radio, explained the voting system and how important it is for the children to use their votes when they turn 18.

Home school Community Liaison (HSCL)

Hi all, school has been very busy the past few weeks. 1st class memories project finished on February 17th before the mid-term and we had a 100% participation from parents. I would just like to thank parents for their co-operation and enthusiasm in this project. The children now have a memory box each and hope they will continue to add to their box as the years go by. Maths classes will continue as normal next week. I would like to put a date in your diary. Every school in Ireland are being asked to raise the Irish flag on Proclamation day, March 15th. The children are learning about different aspects of the rising and we will be inviting parents that morning to visit

the classes to see the great work. After that we will be collectively raising our new Irish flag given to us by the Defence Force.

Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Comhghairdeas le Niko i Rang Lisa, le Maria C i rang Verity, le Savi i rang Louise, le Emma i rang Síne, le Ahmed i rang Mairéad, le Neisha i rang Stephanie, le Aaron i rang Nakita agus le Dillon i rang Barbara.

Class News

3rd class news

3rd class have been learning all about friendship as part of their Learn Together work. In maths the topic is fractions and they have been learning about Rainforests too.

3rd class have also been taking part in a football tournament.

By: Oscar Ponsonby & Toby Taylor

Voluntary Contribution

Information about voluntary contributions will be sent home with your child next week. The amount requested is €70 per family. While the contribution is voluntary it is also very important to the running of the school and helps to pay for additional activities for the children during the school year.

This year there has been a substantial cost (approx. €10000) involved in taking the children to P.E. in the community centre each Wednesday and providing them with fully qualified dance and gymnastics teachers. This cost includes paying for the hire of the community centre and buses. Any money collected from the voluntary contributions will be used to help pay these costs so all donations are gratefully received.

Carambola school Lunches

Pupils are no longer receiving a drink in their school lunch hence the reason they were all given plastic drinking bottles. These should be filled at home and can be topped up from the

specially installed filter taps in their classrooms during the day if necessary. In place of a drink they can order an extra snack. Parents should log onto Carambola to make sure their child/children's lunch is correct and to order the additional snack.

Moving On?:

If any families have plans to move on at the end of this school year, please let Edwina in the office know as soon as possible. If we know places are becoming available we can offer them to other children on our waiting lists.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book and bring their favourite book to school.