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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is our utmost goal to keep your children as safe as possible whilst in the school & on school outings. It is for this reason that we review our practices as regularly as possible. We greatly appreciate parent's perspective and would be grateful if you could complete the google form attached as part of our child safeguarding.

[Parents survey](#)

We encourage parents to always contact your child's class teacher if there is anything happening in school or outside of school that may have an impact on your child. It is helpful for a teacher to be kept up to date so that they can further support and look out for your child. Just contact the school and ask for the teacher to give you a call. All information is treated in the greatest of confidence.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Craft Fair

Our Parents Association Annual Craft Fair is taking place on Sunday 30th of December 12-3pm

It is always a festive and enjoyable event.

Make sure you check out our 6th class pupil's stall where they will be selling Christmas storage jars and decorations.



Pantomime 8th December

We are all travelling to the Millenium Forum in Derry on December 8th.

- The trip is being subsidised by our Parents Association therefore a reminder to anyone who needs to pay it costs €20 per child.
- The show starts at 11am meaning that buses need to leave the school at 9.20am to allow time for traffic, parking and getting to the Millenium Forum. All children should arrive at school at 9.10am that morning.
- We will be arriving back to the school after 3 o'clock that day, therefore children need to be collected at 4pm from the school. School buses will not be operating on the run home that day.
- Cold lunches will be provided for children getting school lunches, all other children must take their lunch with them.



Astro Pitch

Works have finally begun on our Astro Pitch. It is hoped that works would be near completion, weather permitting, in January.

Unfortunately, the Sports Capital Funding does not stretch to finish the pitch in the way we would have liked but the aim is to have it functional for the school at this stage.



Junior & Senior infants and 6th class are taking part in the Picker Pals environmental programme. The basic aim of the programme is to get families involved in environmental care in their local area. Two children get a picker pals pack to collect litter around their area for an evening. They share their experience with their pals and work through a fun programme of activities and events all based on caring for our environment.

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First Holy Communion

25th April – First Holy Communion 11am

25th March- First Confession (during school day)

25th November- Retreat in Ards Friary for children preparing to make their First Holy Communion

Confirmation

28th February – Confirmation 11am

29th January- Service of Light in chapel 7pm

School uniform to be worn to both.

11th November- Retreat in Ards Friary for all children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation.



Christmas Carols

Please join us on December 12th and sing carols with us at our Christmas Mass @ 10am. The school will host a Christmas show every second year.



Upcoming Sports Events

24th November- Hurling & Camogie in Glenswilly

25th November- Indoor Gaelic Tournament Cranford

2nd December- Indoor Gaelic Tournament Cranford

9th December- Indoor Gaelic Tournament Cranford



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- ❖ We have collected €150 from our bottle collection. Thank you so much to everyone that helped.
- ❖ We have our annual Action week coming up in the New Year. We will update closer to the date.
- ❖ We are awaiting the collection of 11 Battery recycling boxes.



Our newly appointed Student Council have decided upon the following:

- ❑ Christmas Colours Week will take place from Monday 15th December until Friday 19th of December.
 - ❑ No **written** homework for the month Of December & **no homework at all** from Monday 15th.
- ❑ Each class will be having a Christmas Jumper day the final week before the Christmas holidays. The student council are kindly asking for €2 per pupil and each child will get hot chocolate and marshmallows. More information will be provided closer to the time.

An Coiste Gaeilge



Tá Diolacháin Earraí ag tarlú ar an Aoine 5ú Mí na Nollag ó 1.00 - 2.30in. Tosaigh ag filleadh ar do bhosca bréagán le haghaidh bréagain, leabhair, agus cluichí nach dteastaíonn a bhfuil i riocht maith. Gach rud le bheith istigh roimh an Chéadaoin 3ú le bhúr dtoil.

Seo ócáid iontach a ritheann an Coiste Gaeilge dúinn agus beidh siad ag tabhairt an t-airgead AR FAD chuig carthanachataí éagsúla. Tá fáilte roimh tuismitheoirí ó 12.30 - 1.00.. Seo an t-am den bhliain ina dtógann do phaistí rudaí isteach chuig an scoil....agus tógann siad 3 huairé níos mo rudaí abhaile leo arís!! Ta cead orthu €5 a thabhairt isteach don diolacháin.

The Irish Committee are running a Bring and Buy Sale on Friday, December 5th in the school hall between 1-2.30pm (same night as the toy show!). Start raiding the toy room/box for unwanted toys, books and games in good condition. Please have all items in the school hall by Wednesday, December 3rd.

This event is run by the Irish Committee. They will decide which local charities will benefit from all of the takings on the day. Leftover toys will also be donated to charity. Parents are welcome to the pre-sale from 12.30 - 1.00. This is the time of year when your child brings in something from home and returns with three times the amount. You're welcome :) Children are allowed to bring in a maximum of €5.

Go raibh maith agaibh,
An Coiste Gaeilge