



SÉ Parent Newsletter - January 2023

School Attendance If your child is going to be late to school/or leaving early please log the reason on Aladdin Connect. This can be completed in the same way as recording absences. **Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their child will be absent from school on a school day and the reason for the absence.**

Under current legislation (Education Welfare Act 2000) the school must notify the National Educational Welfare Board (TUSLA) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.

SÉ Christmas Show was a great success and we thank all the parents who gave positive feed-back. We thank all those who donated so generously to the raffle and congratulate those who won one of the many, many prizes. A special thank you also to Charlie Lennon and Cuan Mhuire for assisting with chairs and the stage for our Christmas shows.

Book Rental Fees Just a gentle reminder that all outstanding fees are due for payment.

Dates for your Diary

19th January – Junior Infant Vaccinations

25th January – Grandparents' Day @ 1pm. Grandparents'

6th February - School Closure (Bank Holiday)

13th – 15th Feb – Well-Being Week

13th Feb – RSE 6th class Parent Information Seminar

14th Feb – RSE Day 6th class

16th + 17th February - School Closure (Mid-Term)

21st February - Pancake Tuesday

26th February – 6th Class Pledge/Enrolment Ceremony. St Patrick's Church @ 12:15pm

13th - 16th March - Seachtaine na Gaeilge

16th March - Lá Glas

17th March – School Closure (St. Patrick's Day)

22nd March – Sacrament of Reconciliation 2nd class. St. Patrick's Church @ 7pm

31st March – EASTER HOLIDAYS @ 12noon

3rd – 14th April – School Closure (Easter Break)

30th April – Confirmation. St Patricks' Church @ 3pm

13th May – First Holy Communion. St Patrick's Church @ 11am



Catholic Schools Week 2023 runs from 22nd – 29th January this year. This year's theme is 'Walking Together in Faith and Love'. As part of the celebration we remember grandparents and will hold:

Grandparents' Day on Wednesday 25th January @ 1pm. We will begin with a short prayer service. Following that grandparents are welcome to visit classrooms and see their grandchildren at work!! There will be a cup of tea/coffee served. **ALL** grandparents welcome.



SCHOOL TOUR

Peace IV Our Peace IV project continues and this Thursday 19th January pupils from 2nd and 3rd class will again visit Scoil na gCailíní to meet with an illustrator, Alan Nolan. Pupils from 4th – 6th will then have an opportunity to meet with Alan here in Scoil Éanna accompanied by senior pupils from Scoil na gCailíní. Following this, on Wednesday 8th February Shane Hegarty will visit senior pupils from both schools to talk about his role as an author.

Ballybay Cancer Society Thank you to all who participated in our Christmas Jumper Day fundraiser. A total of €400 was donated to the Pre-Christmas coffee morning in memory of John Lennon.



Enrolment 2023-24: for junior infants opens on 1st February and will run until the end of the month. Our enrolment application form can be found on the school website www.scoileanna.ie along with information for new parents under the tab Admissions. Alternatively, you can contact Gráinne in the office via telephone or email if you wish to arrange to collect an application form from the office. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol a child in the new school year we ask you kindly to pass on this information.

Pancake Tuesday will take place on Tuesday 21st February. Pancakes and toppings for the whole school. Pupils are asked for a donation of €1 which will go to the Trócaire Lenten Appeal.



Student Council are running an Internet Safety campaign for January. As part of their message they have a poster competition for all pupils from 1st-6th class. Feel free to help reinforce the message by discussing the importance of Internet Safety with your child.

Green School Council are looking forward to the year ahead. Our Green Schools' Committee continue with their WOW walking initiative as they work towards our travel flag. They remind parents not to be 'idling' (leaving your car running) when dropping off/picking up as they work to create a cleaner environment for us all.

Wellbeing Week: will be held in school from Monday 13th – Wednesday 15th February. We are currently working with the SÉ student council to organise fun and enjoyable events for all. Further details to follow.

Scoil Éanna Parents' Association Thank you to the SÉ Parents' Association who organised and made up all the hampers for the Christmas shows, 30 in total. For those who were involved in assembling and dismantling of the stage for our Christmas Show. and for supplying the goodies for the Santa visit for all pupils. Thank you to all those involved who give their time so freely and generously.

