

Presentation P.S. Info Update Dec' 2016.



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Principal's Notes

This term has literally flown by as a very busy 17 weeks come to an end. It has been a really positive term here in The Presentation and this is due to the great school community we have here. Our Board of Management and Parent's Council have been extremely supportive to my work here which I am very grateful for.

Our pupils here are a credit to you, the parents. They are so well behaved and enthusiastic about their learning making it a pleasure to work here.

Finally I would like to thank our 49 staff members who are absolutely fantastic and go way above what is expected to ensure all our pupils get the best possible education.

To you and your family I wish you a very Merry Christmas and great 2017! C. Ruane



Junior Infants Enrolment

Enrolment for junior infants for September 2017 will begin on January 9th. Pre-enrolment forms are available from Junior School Office. We will as normal be enrolling boys and girls for September, in case there is any confusion out there in regard to this.

christmas raffle!!

School Christmas Day

Tomorrow, Wednesday 21st, we are have Christmas Day here in school. All our students and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and hat to school! We are hoping those who dress up will donate €2 to charity We are also supporting a charity Gorta Self Help Africa <https://selfhelpafrica.org/ie/> Our Parents Council have arranged for Santa, Mrs. Claus to visit classes and they have treats for all the pupils from Burbage's Supermarket. Our Raffle will also take place and a huge thank you to all who donated prizes – Colgan Sports, Portarlington Pharmacy, McLoughlin's SuperValu & Kavanghs Gifts.



Christmas Concerts

We are nearly finished our concerts and they have been a great success. Our students are very talented on the stage and it is fantastic that we have a staff that are willing to put in the extra time and effort that is needed to organise these great productions. I would like to thank those who have attended so far for respecting our wishes by not taking videos and picture during the concerts and also for not posting images on social media. It is by working together we can make special events like this possible ©



Social Media & School Website

Please make sure you follow our school social media pages if you use Facebook and Twitter. Our new website will be live in January and we can't wait!!



Students Attendance

We were delighted to see that 109 pupils who didn't miss a day this term. These pupils will receive a certificate on Thursday. We are starting again in January to see how many pupils can be in school every day. "80% of success is just showing up" – Woody Allen.

Assemblies



Our Assemblies have been a great success this term with classes taking turns to lead it on a weekly basis. Last week Ms. Walsh's 5th lead a lovely Christmas Assembly themed on Friendship. Each week at both the Junior & Senior Assembly a child from each class is awarded a 'Star of the Week' on the weekly theme. On the new website launching in January we will begin a gallery with each week's winners! Our First Assembly in January is being delivered by the School Green Team.

School Holiday Opening Times – School closes at 12 this Thursday, December 22nd and will re-open at 8.50am on January 9th.

School Info Board – If you are in the school reception areas please note the School Information Board which are up on the walls and have important school information.

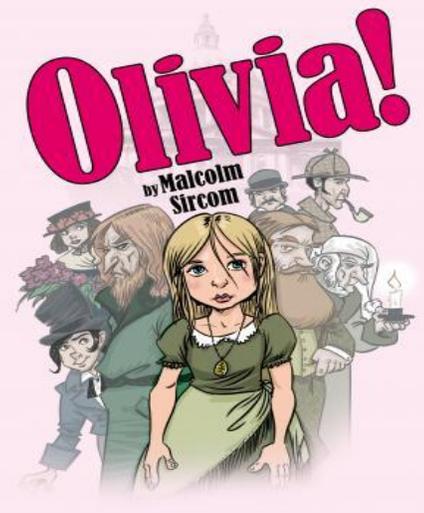
Parking in Set Down Area – For those who drive their children to school, the set down area in the front of the school is for set down only so please do not park there. I thank you for your support in this matter.

School Calendars – We have purchased two Buddy Benches for our school as we aim to highlight friendship and kindness in the new school year. Have a look online all about 'Buddy Benches' www.buddybench.ie



Child Protection – If you have any concerns related to child protection be sure to contact the school. The Designated Liaison Person is Mr. C. Ruane and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person is our school Deputy Ms. M. Terry.

Bullying – Any incidents of bullying should be reported to your child's teacher. In The Presentation every child should be allowed to learn in a positive and safe environment. Bullying is defined as '*unwanted negative behavior, verbal, psychological or physical which is repeated over time*'



We are delighted to announce that we are having our first ever school musical on April 3rd, 4th & 5th. 'Olivia' has over 60 girls involved! All this is thanks to Ms. Dollard, Ms. Brennan, Ms. Curtin and Mrs. Fenlon so bravo to them.

In support of a greener environment and to cut down on printing costs we hope to start an ecopy of our new monthly newsletter. Can you please send an email address or addresses into your child's teacher so we can email you the newsletter next month. Many thanks, C. Ruane.