Presentation P.S. Info Update Feb' 2017

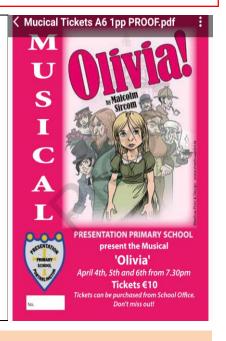


Principal's Notes

The school is extremely busy right now with so many activities going on. The fact that we are involved in so many activities is down to the fact that our students are so enthusiastic and we are fortunate to have such a dedicated staff. In Feb' we had two lovely days where parents came into the school for our Parent teacher meetings, our 4th class performed at the Peace Proms in the RDS, we got active for the Operation Transformation 10 @ 10, great assemblies every week, Bizworld in 5th class, Green Flag initiatives, choir practice, Ash Wednesday, Confirmation Preparation, sports training, World Book Day celebrations and of course 'Olivia' rehearsals. We were also delighted to launch our new school website www.presprimary.ie which we are delighted with. Our Board of Management and Parent's Council both met, with the Parent's Council electing the new committee. All in all it was a very busy month!

To say we are excited about this musical would be an understatement! Our girls cannot wait for April to come. We have a huge cast who has really put everything into the rehearsals. Without the dedication of Ms. Dollard, Ms. Brennan, Mrs. Fenion and Ms. Curtin this would never have been possible. They have really crafted a very special show for you all. Tickets will go on sale Monday 6th March from school office.

Regarding shows, all our pupils will be seeing the show in school on Fri March 31st. Local schools are invited to see the Matinee on Monday 3rd and there are three night shows for parents. Tickets are €10 and there are a very small number of front row seats for €20 which includes a programme and refreshments. Child or family tickets are not available as we have minimal seating, any seat taken up must be paid for. The school has put a lot of finances behind producing this show, building a stage, curtains, backdrops, professional sound and lightning, printing etc hence the need to charge for seating. As always our aim is to give our students the best possible education and experiences.





Confirmation

Next Friday, March 10th, our sixth class girls will be making their confirmation at 2pm. The girls are allowed to leave school at 12.00pm to go home and get ready for the special ceremony. Over the last six weeks the girls have been involved in the 'You Shall Be My Witness Programme' which has been delivered by the parents following an information evening delivered by Fr. Hughes. The girls really enjoyed the programme and we really appreciate the time given by the parent volunteers each week. On behalf of the school Board we would like to thank Ms. O'Connell and Ms. Brennan for preparing the girls so well for this sacrament.

School Sports



The school is very busy with sports right now with two camogie teams, basketball teams and our Spikeball team training. We are very lucky to have so many teachers volunteering their time!





Green Flag 2017

Our committee is working so hard to gain our third Green Flag and as you will know the challenge is to conserve water. Mrs. Flanagan has been running so many activities to focus the school to conserve water. A representative from the Green Schools Ireland was in school on Friday and our Action Day where more representatives will visit will be on March 9th. On that day the school committee will be having science demonstrations, performances from the children and a fashion show in the hall. Students may enter the fashion show if they wish with a costume they have designed based on the theme of water. The fashion show is completely optional and may be entered by classes, groups or individuals.

We wish them well and no doubt they will be successful!

Parent Information

Enrolment – We are currently going through the paperwork for the new pupils who will be enrolling this September. We would like to remind parents that all forms should by now have been returned to the Junior Office.

HEADLICE – This year there is a serious issue with headlice throughout the country and we ask that parents to please check their child's head every week. More info available at http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/az/H/Head-lice/

Parents Council – The new Parents Council has been elected and congratulations to Dolores Holden who is the newly elected Chairperson. The Parents Council also held a Church gate collection last weekend to raise funds for the school which is greatly appreciated and thanks to those parents who volunteered at the collection.

County Photos – On Tuesday March 7th County Photos will be in school taking the annual class photograph and individual pupil pictures.

School Tours – This week school tour information will be placed up on the school website www.presprimary.ie there you will be able to see the date for your child's school tour.

Dragons Den!



Our 5th class girls were lucky enough to be invited to take part in a Dragons Den style initiative by our local Bank of Ireland called Bizworld. The girls created a business idea, designed prototypes and advertising and finally presented their projects to three judges looking for funding. It was a super experience!