

# Presentation P.S. Info Update Jan' 2017



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## Principal's Notes

Happy New Year to all our school community, we look forward to the next two terms. I would like to thank you all for the help and support during the Christmas celebrations. There was a great turnout for the plays and the pupils were delighted with the large crowds. Our iPad fundraiser, as always, was really well supported which we thank you for. To all our supporters who donated prizes and sweets for the children we really appreciate it.

Our next big school event is the school musical 'Olivia' which takes place on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> so make sure you get your ticket when they become available.

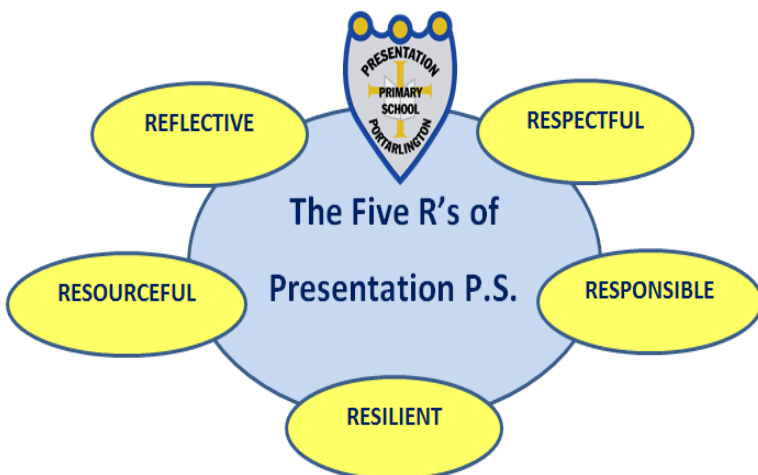
Wishing all a great 2017, C. Ruane.

## Catholic Schools Week

We had a fantastic week last week celebrating our Catholic Ethos. Girls from 6<sup>th</sup> class read out reflections every day over the intercom to the classes followed by a prayer. Our assemblies focused on Catholic Schools Week and St. Brigid's Day. Our Chernobyl Fundraiser was a great success. We finished the week off with a Senior Infants Grandparent's Day. Thanks to all the teachers and pupils for their involvement last week.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

We are looking forward to meeting all our parents this Wednesday and Thursday. Infant meetings start from 1.45pm and meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at 2.45pm. You should have received a time for your meeting already. Meetings can last no longer than 10 minutes unfortunately due to time constraints. There will be 6<sup>th</sup> class girls available to show you to the class you are looking for. If your child is attending learning support or Resource their teacher will also be available, if you know their names just ask the 6<sup>th</sup> class helpers.



We have introduced a set of values into the school to assist our pupils with their learning. We hope you can discuss them at home with your child

Respectful Learners – Treating everyone in this school equally

Responsible Learners – We work well with others and take our role in a group seriously.

Resilient Learners – We don't give up when the going gets tough.

Resourceful Learners – We find different ways to get things done.

Reflective learners – We learn from experience.

## School Sports

Our camogie players have been training indoors for the last two months and hopefully will begin outdoor training in the next 10 days. We have had great interest from the girls and they are really improving. We will have two teams competing in the Cumann na mBunscol leagues.

We are also participating in a new sport for primary schools called Spike Ball. Ms. O'Connell and Ms. Doyle brought 4 teams to participate in a Blitz day in Portlaoise and they have qualified for the next stage of the competition so well done to them.

Mrs. Terry is overseeing, with the support of a number of teachers, the introduction of games and sports equipment on yard. I have no doubt your child will be telling you about it in the coming days.



## Green Flag 2017

As you will know our school is aiming for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Flag this year which is focused on water conservation, we have a very active pupils committee led by Mrs. Flanagan. They would like to share some tips with you;

### Some tips for saving water at home

Check toilets and pipes for leaks.

Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket.

Put plastic bottles or float booster in your toilet cistern.

Insulate your water pipes.

Take shorter showers.

Turn off the water after you wet your toothbrush.

Rinse your razor in the sink

Use your dishwasher and washing machine for only full loads.

## Parent Information

**TRAFFIC** – Thanks to parents for respecting the carpark traffic flow by driving around and not trying to drive through the carpark spaces.

**HEADLICE** – I would ask parents to please ensure they check their children's hair regularly for head lice as we have had some problems recently. **Also I would like to remind parents that pupils are not allowed to have hair dyed in school and this is part of our Behaviour Policy.**

**Parents Council** – The Parents Council are meeting on Tuesday Night at 8.00pm. The Council will be electing a new council and we will share the new members with you in the coming weeks.

**Going Home early** – We ask that parents try to as much as possible to leave their children in school for the full day as time missed is time missed from their education!

**MORNING DOORS** – We would remind parents that all doors except for the main doors will be closed at 9.00am for security reasons.

**Handwriting Competition** – There is currently a hand writing competition running in school to positively promote effort and presentation amongst our pupils.

## School Music



Yesterday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, our 4<sup>th</sup> class girls went to the RDS to participate in the 2017 Peace Proms. A huge amount of work went into practising in school so thanks to the teachers and pupils for getting involved. It was a fantastic experience for the girls