



Presentation P.S. Newsletter

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Dear parents, I hope all is well with you and your family coming into this busy time of year. The school is back in full flow following the Halloween break. We had a fantastic fundraiser before the mid-term and raised a huge amount of money €4,481 towards our loan for the new facilities.

Our parent teacher meetings went really well and I hope you, as a parent, felt it was more beneficial to have the meeting earlier in the year. There was a great buzz around the school on both evenings. Leah from 1st class turned on the Portarlinton Christmas lights last Sunday to the backing of our school band with thanks to Ms. Dunne and Mrs. Fenlon for organising the musicians.

I hope your child enjoyed getting involved in all our activities for Maths Week and Science Week that were held recently. We had some great news in that we have been accepted to present an investigation at the BT Young Scientists Exhibition in The RDS on January 13th which twenty five students will attend. See you at the concerts, C. Ruane.

Christmas Concerts

Please see the timetable below for the Christmas Concerts which the classes are all busy rehearsing for. The concerts will take place in the main hall in the senior building this year as we have our stage up and ready! You will be allowed to take your child home after the concert is over. **We ask that no pictures be taken during the concert** but after the concert please feel free to go up and take a picture of your child on the stage.

Parents Council

A big thank you to our Parents Council who held a collection outside Supervalu last weekend. They raised a staggering €1740 to help fund their events and the resources they purchase for the school. They have Santa organised to visit the school on Dec 21st.



Time	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th	Monday 18 th	Tuesday 19 th
09:20	Ms. Kelly	Ms. McFadden & Ms. Marum	Ms. Byrne & Ms. Dunbar	Ms. Whelan & Ms. Boland	Ms. Kirwin & Ms. S. Walsh
10:00	Ms. Phelan	Ms. Y. Walsh	Ms. Monaghan & Ms. Malone	Ms. Dunne	Ms. Cushen
11:00	Ms. O'Connell	Mr. Browne	Ms. Cosgrave & Ms. Lynch	Ms. Hyland	Ms. Killeen Mr. Maguire Ms. Dollard
11:45	Ms. Butler/ Ms. O'Connor	Mr. Booth	Ms. O'Connor	Ms. Doyle	



Official Opening!

On November 22nd we were delighted to officially open our new facilities. This was a historic day for the school and a very special ceremony. Our Board of Management Chairperson Frank Smith, Assistant Principals Mary Kieran and Martina Fenlon all spoke so beautifully about our school, its history and its future. Fr. Hughes gave a lovely blessing to keep all those who use the facilities safe and well. Ms. Dunne had the school choir perform to make the opening all that more special.

Our track, playground and pitch was only possible due to our fantastic parents, sponsors and our Board of Management. No doubt may thousands of children will benefit from the generosity that has been shown.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

We had a lovely poem read by Katie from 6th class. Katie wrote the poem for the opening with the assistance of her class teacher Ms. Malone. This is three of the nine verses of the poem, a fantastic piece of writing;

**Our playground is state of the art,
It brings us lots of joy,
Providing smiles and lots of sport,
For each and every girl and boy.**

**The field will host so many teams,
With vast and luscious grass,
Our sports teams will develop,
As down the years it's sure to last.**

**Together we aspire,
Together we achieve,
Together we will make it,
If we do it as a team.**



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