

Presentation P.S. Info Update Feb' 2018



Principal's Notes

Dear Parents, I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the support shown to the Book Fair and the 'We Are Writers Book', we are encouraging our students to have a love of reading and we really appreciate your help in supporting that. A big thank you to all who came out for the Zeeko training session, there was a bit of confusion with the presenter shall we say!!! But they will be returning to the school on October 2nd free of charge which is great. We have a busy March with our St. Patrick's Day Parade, Communion Masses and the start of the 6th class Confirmation preparation programme taking place. On the back of the newsletter today you will see the 'Challenge for Change' project for this year. We are involved with this every year and your help would be really great.

Komeer App

We are constantly trying to improve our communication with parents to ensure you are kept informed about what is happening in school. We are looking to improve this again through introducing Komeer as a messaging service. Currently each text message we send costs the school just over €50 euro which really adds up. If you download the app to your smartphone we can message you for free and therefore be enabled to keep you up to date with what you need to know from your child's class. We will send out a flyer to each family next week. This is free to you to download and use so we would really appreciate you doing so in the next week if possible.



www.komeer.com



3 & 5 k Fun Run - Fundraiser

Training has started in school for our playground fundraiser. The runs will be held on Tuesday April 24th and it is all about getting fit, healthy, raising some money and just having fun! We will be sending home sponsorship cards just before the Easter holidays. The children seem to be really enjoying the training.

How can you make your child safe online?

Today I gave the eldest child in each family from 1st to 6th a small booklet that looks like a phone. This is a really nice info guide about how you can keep your children safe online and protect them from the many dangers that exist. A very useful app to monitor your child's online use is ourpact rated #1 app for parental control. Through our recent training and workshops we are now very conscious that every image shared online belongs to that app for example if you post a picture on whatsapp/snapchat they then own that image. Be very careful and advise your child not to talk to strangers on games/apps and video games such as Grand Theft Auto are not appropriate for children.

**HELP STOP CYBERBULLYING!
STOP, BLOCK and TELL!**

**UNDERSTANDING & PREVENTING
CYBERBULLYING**





The children in Fourth and Fifth Class are currently preparing their Challenge to Change project 2018. This year's project is called "Plastic now that's not fantastic." The children are trying to reduce our excessive use of plastic and in turn, help our environment. We are trying to reduce the amount of plastic in our lunchboxes. The committee are visiting classes and inspecting lunchboxes in the hope that children and parents may make a conscious decision to reduce our plastic usage.

Did You Know?

72% of the fish tested in the Atlantic Ocean had plastic internally. Plastic is having a detrimental effect on our marine life. Plastic is polluting their habitat. We believe we can help reduce this figure if we make a start here in school!!!!



How Can You Help Reduce Plastic Usage?

- 1) Refill your drinking bottle each day.
- 2) Instead of using a plastic sandwich bag, use a paper sandwich bag or wrap your sandwich in greaseproof paper.
- 3) Avoid the use of plastic straws.

Challenge to Change Committee 2018:



In order to accomplish our mission we need the assistance of parents. We urge you to assist us on our quest, remember you can't spell **Challenge** without **change**!

Thank you for your support and co-operation.