

Presentation P.S. Info Update Jan' 2018



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Principal's Notes

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope 2018 has started well for you all. We have had a really good start to the New Year and all our pupils have settled back into the school routine. Unfortunately there is a lot of sickness among both pupils and staff. If your child is sick please use your own discretion not to send them to school as we don't want to spread infections to others.

We do have a two day mid-term break coming up on the 15th and 16th of February and please read the child protection box below regarding half day closures.

As always my door is open and if there is anything our school can do to help your child's education please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Cathal Ruane



Catholic Schools Week

We are in the middle of the worldwide Catholic Schools Week where by schools promote the ethos and values of a catholic school. Last week we had three students travel to Carlow to meet Bishop Nulty to bless our CSW prayer petition box. We had a lovely prayer service on Tuesday and Wednesday from 6th class. On Thursday we invited in the grand parents of our senior infants pupils which was very enjoyable for pupils, staff and our visitors

Child Protection – Two School Half Days

In December 2017 the Department of Education published new 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools'. Schools and staff must meet the regulations as set down in the Child Safeguarding Statement. The Department has told all schools to close for two half days before June to allow for staff training and completion of the safeguarding statement. We understand the terrible inconvenience this is but child safeguarding is vitally important. We plan to close at 12pm on Wed February 14th and Friday %%%%. All details available at <https://goo.gl/VR2ncF>



We had a very successful two days of workshops for the children and staff on internet safety and online bullying. Unfortunately the workshop was cancelled for parents on the planned evening but we have now rescheduled the event for

Monday, February 19th

7.30pm

**Parent
Workshop**

School Tours 2018

Next week we will publish the planned school tours for the classes this year. We have these planned early to give you as much notice as possible. You will receive an e-payment link for your child's trip which can be paid in installments but teachers in the senior classes will also be allowing girls to add to a savings schemes on a weekly basis. All information will be available on the school website next week for you to look at and we will let you know when it is available.

Parents Council

Our Council kindly donated a hoodie to each of our 6th class girls to mark their final year in the school and for how hard they are working.

The next Council meeting is next Tuesday Feb 6th at 8.00pm. They will no doubt be planning their events for the rest of the academic year, especially the Communion Party which is a great event.



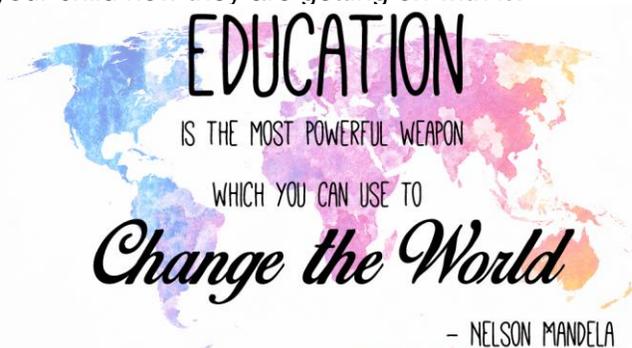
Parent Information

HOMEWORK – We make every effort that our pupils do not get much homework but we do ask that the small amount that is given is completed. If we can help in any way just contact your child's teacher.

HEALTHY EATING– In our school we try to promote healthy eating and fitness among our pupils. We ask our children to bring in a healthy lunch and we do not allow any sweets, chocolate, crisps or sugary. The school is also a **NUT FREE ZONE** as several children have severe allergies towards nuts and nut traces in foods so please be very vigilant.

Going Home early – We ask that parents to 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. It is also causing a disruption to teachers with children coming and going, we would really appreciate your support with this.

Handwriting Competition – There is currently a hand writing competition running in school to positively promote effort and presentation amongst our pupils, ask your child how they are getting on with it?



School Activities during January



We had girls represent the school in the national indoor running track in Athlone and the BY Young Scientists in the RDS, well done to the teachers and pupils involved.



LIDL Donation



Last Tuesday Jan 23rd the school was presented with €1000 euros worth of shop vouchers from LIDL. We were lucky to have two great students Kayla and Aoife there on the day to accept the cheque. Thanks so much LIDL!