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Nuachtlitir

Deireadh Fómhair 2019

- **Comhbhrón:** We extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Forde, Rang 2 (and the Forde and Murphy Families) on the recent death of her grandfather Liam Murphy of Killarney. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.
- **Comhghairdeas:** We extend our heartiest congratulations to Ms Ó Tuama and her husband on the recent birth of their daughter, Aifric. Comhghairdeas ó chroí libh beirt.
- **Oíche Oscailte:** The Board of Management and staff of Castlelyons National School would like to invite everybody to an **Open Evening** in the school next **Thursday 24th October from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm.** We are mindful that many people in the community have contributed in various ways to supporting our school. So we would like to offer everybody in return the opportunity to come and see our state-of-the-art new extension and modern facilities, including our new Sensory Room etc. Please spread the word and tell your neighbours and friends, particularly those who may no longer have a direct connection with the school, that **everyone** is welcome to our **Open Evening** on **Thursday 24th Oct. from 6.30pm – 8.00 pm. Fáilte roimh chách. Bígí linn!**
- **Bord Nainstíochta Nua / Election of New Boards of Management:** The Department of Education and Skills has recently issued Circular 0057/2019 regarding the election of new Boards of Management in Primary Schools, assuming office from 1st December 2019 for the next 4 years. All parents will receive a letter on Wednesday or Thursday of next week (23rd / 24th Oct) outlining the process for the election of two parent nominees, one being a mother and the other a father. Elections will be held in the school on **Tuesday 5th November @ 7.30 pm.** We wish to convey our sincere thanks to the current parent nominees, Mrs Elaine Murphy and Mr Allen Cotter (Treasurer) who have served on the Board for the last 4 years and who have contribute hugely to the working and development of the school during that time. We urge you to come along to the meeting on Tuesday 5th Nov. It is important to have a large representation of both mothers and fathers at the meeting. Bí ann gan teip!
- **Primary Language Curriculum Teacher Inservice:** The Department of Education requires all teachers to upskill in the area of the Primary Language Curriculum, as per Circular 0045/2019. Our staff will have an in-service training day on **Wednesday 15th January 2020.** **The school will be closed to all pupils on that day.** Two half-day closures will also occur between that date and the end of the year for further teacher training in this area. However, dates for these closures are not yet available but ample notice will be given to parents in advance of those closures.

- **Clárú / First Communion Enrolment Ceremony:** We wish the children in Rang 2, their parents and families and their teacher, Miss Forde the best of luck for their **Enrolment Ceremony** as part of the **11.30 am Mass next Sunday 20th October**. Go n-éirí libh!
- **Coiste na dTuistí Sean is Nua:** We are delighted to announce that a new Parents' Assoc. Committee was formed recently at the Parents' Association AGM. Congratulations to Andrea Quirke (Cathaoirleach), Clodagh Clegg (Secretary), Jim Delea (Vice Secretary) Michelle Lhuissier (Treasurer) and Lisa Murphy (Vice Treasurer). We look forward to working closely with the new committee over the next two years. As our School Motto states, "Ní neart go cur le chéile – Together, everyone achieves more".
We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the outgoing committee, especially the officers, Colette Hosford, Rasa Mack, Franziska Mc Loughlin, Conor Mc Loughlin and Jim Delea who did tremendous work over the past two years. Apart from spending €3,335 on subsidising buses to Sciath na Scol matches / other school trips, subsidising dancing, drumming etc. providing refreshments at the First Communion ceremonies etc., they also presented a cheque for €4,150 to the school. This money will be put with another €4,000 which we received from a previous Parents' Association some years ago for the purpose of laying a soft surface on the Infant playground. We also hope to develop an enclosed soft surface play area with specialised equipment for special needs pupils to the rear of the new extension in due course. We wish to thank everybody who supported the Parents' Association in any way over the course of the past two years.
As you can see, the fundraising done by our Parents' Association is a vital resource to the school so please continue to support the new committee in their endeavours during their 2 year term as it is, after all, your children that are the beneficiaries.
- **Non-uniform Day:** We will hold a **non-uniform day next Fri. 25th Oct**. The children can come to school dressed in Hallowe'en costumes (**NO** "dangerous weapons", plastic swords etc. please). We encourage children to wear costumes that they make themselves if possible. A **voluntary** contribution of €2.00 per child (€5.00 max. per family) will be collected, and donated to Temple Street Children's Hospital. Go raibh maith agaibh.
- **"Food Dudes":** We have been offered and are availing of the opportunity to take part again in the "Food Dudes" initiative. This programme is designed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables, both in school and at home. Junior & Senior Infants, Rang 1 and Le Chéile began the programme yesterday, Wednesday 16th October and it was a huge success. These classes will receive fresh fruit and vegetables for 16 school days and will be given stickers and rewards as incentives to taste the food. The older classes (Rang 2 - 6) will begin the programme after the Hallowe'en break for 8 days. They will also be given rewards for tasting the food. The food is delivered fresh on a daily basis and distributed to the participating classes. Please encourage your child to participate fully in the Food Dudes Programme. Our thanks to Miss Corcoran who is acting as the school's co-ordinator for this initiative.
- **Cruinnithe Tuismitheoirí / Múinteoirí:** Parent / Teacher meetings are scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th November**. More detailed information re. appointment times etc. will issue after the Hallowe'en Break. If you cannot make the meeting at the appointed time / date you will receive, please inform the relevant teacher(s) at the earliest opportunity and arrange for an alternative meeting.

- **Women’s Mini-Marathon Fundraiser:** We wish to convey our sincere thanks to **everyone** who contributed in **any way** to the success of our Women’s Mini-Marathon fundraiser back in September. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated money, both to the Gofundme page or through our Sponsorship Cards, those who sent in donations to the school and those who *participated* in the marathon. A total of €1,885.74 has been donated so far. As it is impossible to thank everybody individually, please accept this as an appreciation of our gratitude. The money will go a long way to improving facilities for *all* our pupils with special needs. Go gcúití Dia libh é.
- **Skipping For Life with “Skippy John”:** The children really enjoyed “Skippy John” on Tuesday, where they learned some proper skipping techniques. Skipping is a fundamental movement skill which improves co-ordination and is a simple but fantastic form of exercise. Now that your child might have developed a new-found interest in skipping as a form of exercise, please encourage him / her to continue. Buíochas to Ms Ó Tuama who organised Skippy John’s visit prior to going on Maternity Leave.
- **Iasacht Leabhar / Book Rental:** We remind parents who haven’t yet paid Book Rental / Photocopying Expenses to do so at your **earliest convenience** please. It is possible to pay in instalments of €10 if this is something that suits your budget better. We thank all of you who have paid in full or have paid some instalments already. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.
- **Comhghairdeas:** We congratulate Gretta Mack (Rang 4), one of the three children representing Ireland in her age group who took part in the International Gutenberg Cup in Gymnastics in Germany recently. Gretta came in 8th place out of a total of 23 competitors. A fantastic achievement, Gretta! Maith thú!
- **Pearcáil:** We ask that parents **not park in the Bus / Taxi parking zone at the front gate of the school in the morning or evening** please. **This has the potential to be a serious safety issue so please heed the request.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Also, please **do not park on the road between the entrance to the Teachers’ car-park and Fr. Ferris Community car-park as your car can obscure the view of cars leaving both car-parks.** Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.
- **Eolas do Thuismitheoirí:** Underneath are a number of websites containing advice for parents on a range of topics, including:
 - i) www.curriculumonline.ie (NCCA-National Council for Curriculum & Assessment) on the Primary Language Curriculum / Helping your child with Maths etc. etc.;
 - ii) www.webwise.ie (on the topic of Internet Safety);
 - iii) www.education.ie (Department of Education Homepage, find The National Education Psychological Service – NEPS tab on the topics of (a) Reading and Dyslexia (b) Organisational & Motor Skills etc. etc.)
 - iv) www.helpmykidlearn.ie (Literacy / Numeracy Resources)
 - v) www.scoilnet.ie
 - vi) www.ncca.ie (Primary / Parents Tab)
 - vii) www.irishforparents.ie (“Parent / Tuismitheoir” tab)

- **Allianz 24 Hour Pupil Accident Cover:** We remind parents that in the event of your child having an accident and has to attend a doctor / dentist / hospital, all children have **24 hour** accident cover. Please retain any doctor and / or hospital receipts and request a claim form from the school office to reclaim the cost.
- **Sciath ns Scol / Colman's Blitz:** Unfortunately, the boys didn't have much luck in either the Sciath na Scol Football competition or St. Colman's Hurling Blitz this year. Míle buíochas to Mr Baragry for his work with the team and the parents who supported. Thanks also to the Parents' Association for subsidising the cost of the Sciath na Scol buses to the away matches.
- **Rásanna Tras-tíre:** Well done to all the children who participated in the East Cork Cross Country Event held in Fr O'Neill's GAA (Ballymacoda) last month. Míle buíochas to Ms Murphy (school coordinator) for organising the team of athletes and also to Ms Feeney and the parents who accompanied the children and supported on the day. Maith sibh! The team of athletes scooped a total of 12 medals at the event. Maith sibh, a pháistí!
- **Shoe Box Appeal:** We would urge families to participate in our annual **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal** in aid of deprived children abroad. Shoe boxes will be accepted up to and including Wednesday 6th November. Please log on to www.teamhope.ie for further information / video clips. If you haven't sent in a shoe box already, you may get a chance to put one together during the Halloween'en break and still have it in before the **deadline of Wednesday 6th November.** Thank you in anticipation of your support.
- **Seirbhís Chearúil** – The annual Christmas **Carol Service** will take place in the **church** on **Thursday 19th December at 7.30 pm. Failte roimh chách.**
- **An Chéad Chomaoineach:** Children in Rang 2 will receive Communion for the First Time on Saturday 16th May 2020. Gach ádh!

An Cóineartú: The children in Rang 6 will receive the sacrament of Confirmation (along with Rang 5/6 from Kilmagner NS) on Tuesday 21st April 2020. Gach ádh!

Castlelyons N S Parents' Association News

- Firstly, we wish to thank you all for your generous support of previous Parents' Associations in their endeavours and we, the new committee, look forward to that continued support over the next two years. Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid.
- We are currently working on other upcoming events/projects such as:
 - Hallowe'en Party on Friday 25th October, (Further information underneath)
 - Primary Schools Table Quiz on Friday 22nd November
 - Christmas Raffle on Friday 20th December
 - Christmas Cards (Information to issue on these shortly)
 - School Calendar
 - Clothes Collection (January 2020)
 - Bake Sale (February 2020)

Anyone willing to help with any of those events can get in touch with us as every helping hand is always much appreciated. Please check the notice board and our Facebook page for news and updates.

- **Pot of Gold:** We have started the “Pot of Gold” initiative again this year where children are encouraged to bring “gold” coins (i.e. 10c/20c/50c) on **Fridays**. Each class has a “Pot” and the children will receive a little reward at the end of the year for their effort.
- **Clothes Collection:** We are organising a “rolling clothes collection” over the next 3 months where donations of clothes can be dropped to the school on **Tuesdays** at drop-off or collection times, starting from next Tuesday 22nd October to Tuesday 28th January 2020. Please spread the word.
- **Cóisir Oíche Shamhna:** The annual children’s **Hallowe’en Party will be held next Fri. 25th October in Castlelyons Community Centre**. Like in recent years, the following format will apply:
 - (i) **Jnr / Snr Infants’ party from 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.** (lights left on, not too scary / loud!);
 - (ii) **Rang 1 – Rang 6 party from 7.30 – 8.45 p.m.**However, any parent with both younger and older children can bring *all* their children from the start at 6.30 p.m. but older children **without** a younger sibling in Jnr. or Snr. Infants **will not be allowed in until 7.30 p.m.** It is also important to note that **children will not be allowed leave the hall until an adult comes to collect them.**
Adm. Fee: **€4.00 per child**, (including a party bag).

- **Cártaí Nollag / Christmas Cards :** Please fill and return the note re. Christmas cards asap. Also, please read (and heed) the “Art Tips” on the template page for the cards. **The deadline for the art templates to be returned to the school is next Wednesday, 23rd October** as the templates must be posted on Thursday so that the printers have them before the Hallowe’en break. This will also mean that the packs of Christmas cards will be returned to the school as soon as possible after the Hallowe’en break, in good time to send to family and friends for Christmas.

- **Dúnadh Scoile:** School closes on **Fri. (25th Oct.)** for the Hallowe’en break (**normal finishing times of 2.00pm / 3.00 pm apply**). School re-opens on **Monday 4th Nov.**

Nelius de Róiste (Príomhoide)

Bainigí sult as Briseadh na Samhna!

