

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015.**

Parent Teacher meetings were held on THURSDAY October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2.00pm until 5.00pm in the Community Centre Hall. Thank you to all Parents who availed of this opportunity to meet Class Teachers and Resource Teachers.

Many Thanks to ALL TEACHERS and SNA STAFF for all the successful initiatives which have been introduced since SEPTEMBER:

- MUSIC GENERATION PROGRAMME
- FOOTBALL & HURLING COACHING
- VISIT BY LEO KILROY, SCHOOL INSPECTOR.
- STUDENT TEACHERS ON WORK PLACEMENT
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- TEACHERS ATTENDING COURSES AFTER SCHOOL IN MATHS, DISCIPLINE ETC.
- LIFT-OFF TO LITERACY & MATHS PROGRAMMES
- TRANSITION PROGRAMME DAY TO CCA FOR 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Students.
- OISÍN i dTÍR na nÓG a joint Irish initiative with CCA.
- RECYCLABLE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.
- KILCOOLE MUSIC FESTIVAL
- ACCORD PROGRAMME FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASSES.
- DEVELOPMENTAL DANCE PROGRAMME
- SWIMMING PROGRAMMES
- FESTINALENTE HORSE RIDING PROGRAMME
- NATIONAL BOWLING COMPETITION.
- INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION & BEHAVIOUR PLANS
- WALK TO SCHOOL INITIATIVE
- SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION & SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
- NATIONAL TREE WEEK
- SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME
- ENROLMENT MASS FOR COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION
- CUMANN NA MBUNSCOIL: CAMOGIE, FOOTBALL, HURLING
- INTERAGENCY DRUGS TASK FORCE
- WOMENS' SUPPORT GROUP
- PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
- TRINITY COLLEGE VISIT BY 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS

**Well done to the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class students, their teachers and parents for putting together Shoeboxes for the Christmas Appeal.**

- DISCIPLINE and BEHAVIOUR: The Board of Management is delighted with the positive focus on Good Behaviour with children following School Rules in ALL CLASSES. Congratulations to all children who have received Certificates and Homework Passes for Completion of STAMP BOOKS

- CHRISTMAS 2015: Classes are working hard on Plays, Recitations and Music for Christmas Performances. This year classes will all perform individual pieces to mark the Christmas Season. Teachers have sent home messages re Costumes and Resources required for Plays. Children will remain in school after their performance as school day will continue as normal. SIXTH CLASS have been invited to St.Catherine's for a Christmas Prayer Service on FRIDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm. Thanks to Ms. Cheevers & Cora Swan for teaching Carols & Christmas Music
- CROKE PARK HOURS: Teachers and SNA staff work every Wednesday after school on Policy, Planning and Development. We have reviewed our Strategic Three Year plan, Our Oral Language Policy as well as our policy on GAEILGE. We are working on NUMERACY this year.
- STAFF CHANGES: We welcome back Mrs. Gillick to teach FOURTH CLASS. Congratulations to Ms. Russell on the birth of her Baby Boy, Elliott. We wish Ms. Hegarty & Clodagh Dowling well as they await the birth of their babies. Ms. Wilson will be Substitute Teacher in 5<sup>th</sup> class after Christmas with Dawn McKenna as substitute SNA. We welcome Mr. O'Brien, Ms. O'Connell, Ms Nolan, Ms. Leahy, and Ms. O.Egan to our staff. We wish Ms. Corcoran well on her Career break. We send Get Well Wishes to Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Greene & Mrs. Broughan. Congratulations to Ms. Healy as she celebrates her Marriage on December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- PEACE PROMS CONCERT: We are all excited and delighted that the pupils of SIXTH CLASS will sing with National Choirs from all around the country in the RDS in FEBRUARY.
- THANK YOU for your co-operation re Car Parking. A reminder that St.Joseph's Centre is Off Limits for CAR PARKING at ALL TIMES. The JUNIOR SCHOOL BUILDING must be clear of ALL CARS for School Transport for ASD Classes. STAFF CARS ONLY at SENIOR SCHOOL. Please be patient when entering and exiting the Community Centre Car Park and watch out for children. Yellow Box MUST BE LEFT CLEAR for School Bus Parking.
- SCHOOL EXTENSION: The Department has reached agreement that a NEW SENIOR SCHOOL will be built on the top pitch. We will have to lobby politicians to ensure that the building goes ahead as a matter of urgency given the poor condition of the Senior Building due to water damage from roof leaks.
- We will have a Whole School Assembly for CHRISTMAS on TUESDAY DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30am in St.Joseph's Church. Confessions for CHRISTMAS will be held on MONDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> at 10.15am in St.Joseph's Church.
- HOLIDAYS: School Closes at 12.30pm on TUESDAY DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> for Christmas Holidays. To avoid Car Park Congestion, Children can be collected from their Classes from 12.00pm

Parents are requested to avoid the practice of children swapping Christmas Cards and gifts in Class. Also There is no expectation from Teachers or School Staff for gifts at Christmas. A Sincere Happy Christmas Wish which is well meaning and sincere is of far more value. NOLLAIG SHONA DHAOIBH GO LÉIR.