



Oliver Plunkett's NS Newsletter



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Welcome to January's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all well. Spring is in the air and things are looking up. The children are doing well at school enjoying the yard and learning lots of new things. The restrictions remain for us in schools for now. Thank you for your continued support in relation to this. Thank you to the teachers who continue to support those at home who are self-isolating.

Parent teacher meetings will be on the 15th and 16th of February via phone call. You can book your meeting slot using Aladdin Connect. There was a glitch in the system last week but that has been amended.

Dates for your diary:

Next Tuesday the 8th of February is internet safer day and if you google web wise you will see lots of information for parents.

Tuesday 15th of February: Children will leave early. Group 1 leave at 2.35pm and group 2 at 2.50pm. This is to facilitate parent teacher meetings. It is normal finishing time on Wednesday the 16th of February.

School is closed from Monday the 21st of February to the 25th of February for half term.

Change to calendar: School is closed on the 16th of March. This is because Thursday the 17th is St Patrick's Day and Friday the 18th is a bank holiday which was only recently announced.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Murphy

Happy St Brigid's Day: The pupils in Ms Maguire's were learning how to make a cross using straws.



Other pupils were designing crosses. Lovely work.



We celebrated catholic schools week with a daily theme. The overall theme was Living Life to the Full. The children had a daily activity, prayers were said over the intercom and an assembly was held on Friday last. Below the children in Ms Gleeson's class showing their work. Their pictures showed what makes them happy. It was all about being together!



We took the time to say thank you to God at our assembly. Thank you for our families, our school and our community. This month we had a focus on SESE (Science, History and Geography) and children's work was shared. We continue to promote kindness throughout the school and below are some of the pupils who received a certificate for good work and good behaviour.

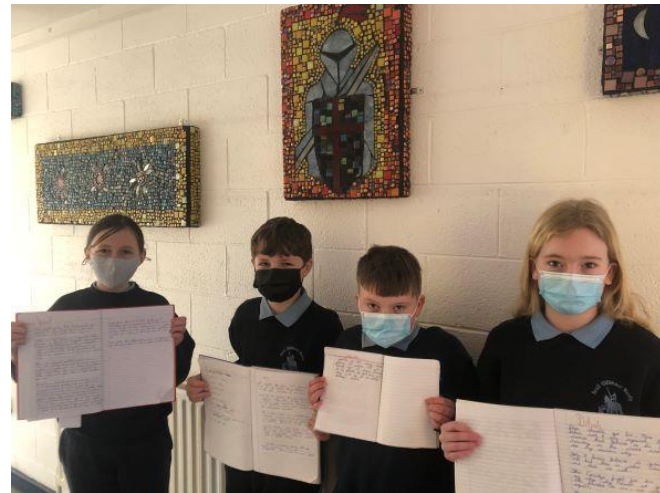




Confirmation: Congratulations to 6th class who took part in the ceremony of commitment via Zoom. The parish team were very impressed with the engagement of the pupils.

Communion: The pupils in 2nd class have their ceremony of enrolment via Zoom this evening at 5.30pm.

Pupils and staff are working hard throughout the school. Each class is learning persuasive writing and here is Mr Caffrey's class with their debates.



Ms Gleeson's class were learning about houses and homes.



Ms Bermingham's class have written their goals for 2022.



Ms O'Neill's class are learning about winter and clothes through Aistear.



Green Flag Committee: Ms O' Mahony and some of her class will carry out a walkability study in the village on Wednesday the 9th of February with An Taisce. This class continues to learn about waste and recently attended a webinar on this.

Yellow Flag Committee: A request to complete a survey on Interculturalism was sent to all families to complete. The committee is looking at our school and are we really inclusive? Please take the time to read our anti-racism policy on our school website. This policy was recently reviewed but we are always open to suggestions and discussion if you would like to contribute. Friendship week with the support of the Parents' Association will take place the week starting the 14th of February. There will be an additional focus on anti-bullying this week. Please remind your child to let someone know if they feel they are being bullied. They can tell their teacher, SNA, Mrs Murphy, their parents or a friend. As a parent always get in touch if you have a concern.

Well Being: Pupils are taking part in the daily mile. We will have another run in the park on February the 9th. This time it will be a relay race and the emphasis is on participation and fun.

SESE: Our focus area is spoken Irish. Each class is learning Irish everyday phrases and teachers are encouraging the pupils to speak Irish and to not worry about making mistakes. Táimid ag déanamh an iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt sa scoil. As a staff we have received training from PDST on the New Primary Language Curriculum which is now in use throughout the whole school. The curriculum asks us to teach the transfer of skill from English to Gaeilge. We are all learning!

