

Newsletter

Official Opening of School Centenary Garden and Outdoor Classroom

The 1916 Rising was the spark that began the journey which led to the establishment of Irish freedom. The Centenary Garden will be a reminder of the efforts of our ancestors to achieve a better life for the people of Ireland. It will be a learning environment that I hope will inspire others to achieve the values of the proclamation, to use their talents to create a better society for all.

The official opening is provisionally fixed for 3.00 p.m on Sunday 29th of May. This will also be a Summer Family Day of Fun at the school. Further details to follow later.

School Bazaar – Friday 29th April 2016

All items to be brought to school from Monday 25th April

The School Bazaar which is organized by Sixth Class with the assistance of the class teachers and Parents Association will take place on **Friday 29th April 2016**. Children are allowed to donate unwanted toys, gifts, books, ornaments etc.. Please only send in items that are clean and in working order. Children should only bring in a few Euros on the day. Older children will assist the children in Junior and Senior Infants and First class to do their shopping. It is a great day of fun and learning.

There will also be a **Cake Sale** for the children so parents can drop in cakes, buns, etc. on **Thursday** morning for this.

School Library

Great progress is being made on the School Library. The €4,513 from the Book Fair and the €4,426 from the Readathon are being used to purchase books for the Library. In addition to this the Board of Management gave €5,000 and the Parents Association have also given €5,000 which is being used for the construction of the new library.

Enfield Summer Camp for Primary School Children

A number of parents were asking about the dates for the summer camp. At the recent meeting the Board approved the use of the school for the Enfield Summer Camp again this year. It will take place from Monday 4th - Friday 8th of July. More details to follow.

Physical Education and Sports Activities

Cycling - Fifth: This week these children completed their six week Cycle Safety Programme.

Swimming - Third and Fourth: They are attending lessons during this term.

Tennis - Second and Sixth: They are participating in a five week programme with a professional tennis coach

After Schools Activity Programme – First Classes: As this programme was so popular it is being run again in order to give another group of children an opportunity to participate. This is run on a voluntary basis by teachers and children.

Basketball – Senior Classes: Our school recently helped to set up a basketball league for boys and girls in the area and our first game is this week.

See Over for more details

Camogie and Football – Senior Classes: This is helping to keep everyone fit and healthy.

GAA Coaching – Fifth Classes: This begins this week and was run for Fourth Classes earlier in the year. Thank you to the local club, Na Fianna for their assistance.

Skipping – all class levels: We have invited a “Skipping Teacher” to visit us later in the term as part of Active School Week activities.

Link to Local Clubs

Na Fianna coaching for GAA for 2016 season has now started

School Tours

Tours and our Junior Infant Fun Day will be taking place later in the term and a special newsletter with details will follow shortly. **This year we will be sending a text to all parents allowing you to pay for your child’s tour by electronic transfer, if you wish.**

Standardised Tests:

These will take place for children from First to Sixth Class. The dates are between the Monday 16th and the Friday 27th May. Children should be encouraged to make their best effort and see these as an opportunity to show what they have learned.

Primary Language Curriculum

A new primary language curriculum for English and Irish has been developed by the Dept of Education. The phased implementation of the new curriculum will begin for the infant classes during the 2016-2017 School Year. Today 21st April the Department of Education has informed us that we must close for a planning day during this term. Our planning day will be Tuesday 7th June. Therefore the school will be closed for pupils on this day.

Dates for your Diary:

Junior Sports Day for Classes from Junior Infants - Second is fixed for Wednesday 15th of June.

Senior Sports Day for Classes from Third - Sixth is fixed for Thursday 16th of June.

These dates are weather dependent.

School closed for Bank Holiday and mid-term from Monday 2nd of May until Friday 6th of May.

School closed for Bank Holiday on Monday 6th of June. (see note above re closure on Tuesday 7th June)

School Closes for Summer Holidays on Thursday 30th of June.

Sacraments:

First Communion for the children from our Second Classes will take place on Saturday 14th of May in Rathmolyon Church. Children are due to go to the church to practice on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th of May. This will be during the school day and the children will be accompanied by their teachers. A photographer will visit the school on Monday 16th of May and children should wear the clothes they wore to the church on that day.

Safety around the school

We ask that all motorists exercise caution at the school. It is a good time of the year to talk to the children about safety when walking or cycling.

SPHE

During this term the children will be completing the Stay Safe programme as part of the SPHE Curriculum. A note is being sent home giving further information.