

*Newsletter Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017*

**Board of Management Agreed Report**

Please see the Agreed Report from October's Board of Management on the last page of this newsletter. The report can also be viewed on the indoor and outdoor noticeboards, and on the school website.



**Green Schools**

Starting after Hallowe'en, the Green Schools Committee will be encouraging everyone to use "Park & Stride" on Wednesday's, to help us achieve our Travel Flag and reduce our carbon footprint. This will also help our congested car park in the mornings and at pick up times.



**Sport**

Well done to our Rackard League girls team who competed in their first competition, the Mini 7's, in Oylegate. Although they did not win, they showed great team spirit. The boys' game was cancelled due to bad weather, but we will arrange a practice match soon instead.



**Food Dudes**

W.E.T.N.S. will partake in the "Food Dudes" initiative this term. "Food Dudes" promotes healthy eating habits in young children. Further information regarding "Food Dudes" will be sent home via letter shortly.



**Library Visits**

The pupils have enjoyed going to Wexford Library to meet some children's authors as part of the Wexford Library Children's Book Festival.



**Whole School Meeting**

We are in the process of rearranging the Whole School meeting. We will inform the parent body as soon as a new date has been confirmed.



**Literacy Lift-Off (LLO)**

Our intensive Literacy Programme is well underway in our Senior Infant class. The children are thoroughly enjoying reading all the wonderful books.



**Sponsored Walk, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Our annual spooky sponsored walk will take place on **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October** (weather permitting). The time will be confirmed in due course. Sponsorship cards have been sent home to all families. To encourage the children, a €10.00 Ken Black's voucher will be given to the child in the Junior and Senior end of the school who raise the most money. Money raised will go towards the day to day running costs of the school (heating, lighting, cleaning etc.). Parent volunteers will be needed on the day. If you are available to help, please contact the office.





## **R.E. Learn Together**

Our Learn Together theme for October is "Harvest". We will be learning about how harvest is celebrated around the world.



## **School Plan 2017/2018**

### *Policies:*

Special Education, Garda Vetting, Anti-Bullying, Child Protection & Homework.

### *Curricular:*

Science.

## **Student Council**

Our Student Council is now up and running this year. Our current student council members are Eliza (Health Ambassador), Saoirse (Happiness Ambassador), Leo (Fundraising Ambassador) and Heidi (Learn Together Ambassador). We are really looking forward to a great year ahead!

## **Staff responsible for Anti-Bullying/Child Protection**

### *Anti-Bullying:*

Aileen Kelly & Margaret McMahon

### *Child Protection:*

Maria Caesar (DLP)

Selina Carmody (DDLDP)

## **P.P.S. Numbers and Eircodes**

Thank you to everyone who returned their completed contact forms. Many forms were returned with no P.P.S.N.'s or Eircode's. As we require this information for the Department of Education & Skills, we will be sending another form home this week to any family who is yet to provide these details.



## **Voluntary Contribution**

Thank you to everyone who has paid the Voluntary Contribution this year. The contribution for 2017/2018 is €60.00 per child, or a maximum of €120.00 per family. This can be paid via Easy Payments.

## **P.A.C. AGM**

The P.A.C.'s AGM will take place on **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm** in the school. All parents are welcome to attend.



## **Maths Week**

Maths Week runs from **October 14<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The children will be celebrating Maths Week by engaging in lots of fun maths activities. If any parents are interested in sharing how they use maths in their jobs, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the relevant class teacher to arrange a visit.



## **Dates for your Diary: October**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Class Library Trip*      *Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October*

*Maths Week*      *16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October*

*Sponsored Walk*      *Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October*

*Mid-Term Break*      *Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October*  
*(School will finish at the usual time)*

## **Sacraments with Clonard Church**

Clonard Parish Church has been in touch with us again this year regarding communion and confirmation preparation.

Further information will be available shortly, but you can also contact the parish office directly on 053-9123672.



## *Agreed Report: October, 2017*

- New teaching staff, special needs assistants, children and parents welcomed.
- Principal's Report presented and contents noted.
- Annual budget 2017/18 presented, noted and approved by the board. Principal will present this at P.A.C. AGM. Shortfall to be made up through Voluntary Contributions and fundraising.
- Fundraising and Expenditure 2016/17 presented, discussed and approved by the board.

### *Policies:*

- Garda Vetting Policy ratified on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.
- Special Needs Assistant Policy ratified on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.
- Annual Child Protection Checklist completed.
- Annual Anti-Bullying Checklist completed.
- Attendance Strategy (Tusla) presented and ratified on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.

### *Parent Nominee:*

- Postal vote to be arranged for new female/male parent nominees.

### *Whole School Meeting:*

- Rescheduled for November, date TBC.

### *Fire Safety Review:*

- As per request from Patron, review will take place and the report will be sent to the Patron.

### *Voluntary Contribution:*

- €1,970.00 raised this year so far. A reminder will be included on the Newsletter.

### *Car Park:*

- Issues re: car park were discussed and noted. As the BOM do not own the car park, the issues must be referred back to the P.A.C.