

Newsletter January, 2018

Welcome back to Term 2 and a Happy New Year!
 January is a great time to reflect and be grateful for all the things we have. We hope you all had a lovely winter break and are looking forward to a busy and fruitful term ahead.

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Green Schools

Congratulations to Eve Jones, winner of our slogan competition. Our new "Travel Motto" is, **"Walk, cycle, scoot or skate, instead of driving to the gate".**

We now have our "Golden Boot" award which is given to the class that has the highest percentage of children who cycled, scooted or parked and strode to school, instead of driving to school at the end of each month.



Student Council

We're very excited to begin our new term with lots of activities coming up. Our main focus is our "Spring Fair" which takes place on **Thursday, 22nd March.**

We'll also be seeking nominations for new student council reps from 1st and 2nd Class. Our Student Council will be announcing this to our student body in upcoming assemblies. Please see our Student Council noticeboard for minutes from our January meeting.



Spring Fair

Our "Learn Together" theme for February and March will be "Spring". To celebrate this, we will be hosting a "Spring Fair" on **Thursday, 22nd March.** Following the success of our Winter Bake and Craft Sale, which raised over €1,400.00, we will be selling handmade crafts made by each class at the Spring Fair – please contact your child's class teacher if you would like to help out with creating our crafts.

Each class will also be preparing a performance for the fair – we are already busy singing, crafting, acting and dancing in preparation for this. Further information on the time and venue for our "Spring Fair" will be in our February Newsletter. We can't wait to share our learning with you all!



Learn Together

Our "Learn Together" theme for January was "Health & Wellbeing". January is a time to reflect and plan for the coming year. We've been partaking in mindful activities such as yoga and mindful eating. 5th & 6th Class also created vision boards with inspirational words and pictures inspired by our goals and aspirations. 2018 is shaping up to be a brilliant year already!



Calling All Engineers!

If you are a biomedical, chemical, mechanical, civil, electronic or computer software engineer then we would love to hear from you!
 Help us celebrate Engineers Week (24th February – 2nd March) by sharing your experience in your job every day. If you are interested, please talk to Margaret.



Literacy

As per our Whole School Literacy Plan, our genre this term is “Poetry”. Why not share your favourite poem from your childhood with your child. Some of our favourites include Seamus Heaney’s “Blackberry Picking” and Lewis Carroll’s “Jabberwocky”. Our focus for reading this term is inference and visualising.



GAA Coaching

GAA Coaching has resumed for 3rd – 6th Class this term. In addition to our VTOS coaches, we also now have GAA coaches teaching our Junior Infants to 2nd Class. Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for PE, wearing comfortable clothing and runners.

Board of Management

The Agreed Report is now displayed on the indoor and outdoor noticeboards.
 A reminder that the Whole School Meeting will take place on **Thursday, 1st March at 7:00pm** in The Talbot Hotel.

Gaeilge Phrase of the Month

Junior Phrase: *Is maith liom/Ní maith liom, I like/I don't like.*

Senior Phrase: *Tús maith, leath na hoibre, A good start is half the battle.*



Child Protection Strategy

To facilitate the planning stage of the implementation of a new “Child Safeguarding Statement”, **the school will close at 12:00 noon for all pupils on Friday, 9th February and Friday, 2nd March.**

Please ensure that your child is collected promptly at 12:00 noon on these dates as all staff are required to attend the planning sessions.



Dates for your Diary: Term 2

Friday, 9th February

Thursday, 15th & Friday, 16th February

Thursday, 1st March

Friday, 2nd March

Monday, 19th March

Thursday, 22nd March

Friday, 23rd March

Monday, 26th March – Friday, 6th April (incl.)

Monday, 9th April

School closes at 12:00 noon for all pupils

Mid-Term Break

Whole School Meeting, the Talbot Hotel at 7:00pm

School closes at 12:00 noon for all pupils

Bank Holiday

Spring Fair

Easter Holidays, school closes for all pupils at 12:00 noon

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School Re-opens