

December Newsletter 2023

Parents Association Fundraiser: On Sunday evening the PA held their Monster Bingo Fundraiser in the GAA clubhouse in Seneschalstown. It was a tremendous evening that was wonderfully supported by local families and businesses. It was a real demonstration of the vibrancy of our school community. It was also fantastic to see such a mix of ages with children, parents and grandparents all attending. The organisation of the event was seamless which is down to all the efforts the committee put into it. A huge thank you to all involved – the school is deeply grateful to all of you.



Christmas Events: Classes will be performing festive pieces for parents to come and see in the final week before the break. Teachers will communicate with you directly with regard to times and days in the coming week. 2nd–6th classes will attend church for the Sacrament of Penance on Friday 15th Dec. If you don't want your child to participate, please contact the school before Thursday 14th December.

Board of Management: The newly constituted Board of Management met on Monday evening. The board is as follows: Chairperson: Fr David Brennan, Treasurer: Joanne Owens, Aonghus Byrne, Ryan Martin, Sinead Scanlon, Margaret Sheridan, Donal Fanning and Paula Byrne.

Maths Curriculum: The school will be **closed** on Wednesday next, the 13th of December to accommodate staff training in the new Maths Curriculum that is being rolled out.

Gaeilge: We are continuing to work on our Cúpla Focail in the class both formally and informally. The children are really making an extra effort both on yard and in class which is fantastic to see.

Parking: We would continue to ask you to adhere to the rules regarding the drop off area. Again, the vast majority always do and in the times that I have looked out at it, it seems to have been running relatively smoothly.

Cross Country Running: Well done to all the athletes who took part in the Meath Cross Country Races in Fairyhouse last month. All four teams performed really well in their first outing at the event. Our U11 teams finished very respectably. The boys U13 team came in 4th place out of 21 teams which was outstanding and our girls U13 team won gold which was a remarkable achievement.

Gaiety Pantomime:

We have to pay the Gaiety for the Panto tickets this week, however parents/guardians have until **January 12th** to pay on Databiz.

If your child is not going to the Pantomime please let the school know by Friday 8th December so that we can adjust the number of tickets required. Thank you.

Olympic Handball: Mr Martin brought an U13 boys and girls team to their qualifying tournament last week. Both teams played some brilliant games with the girls coming top of their group and the boys second in their one. The U 11 teams are heading to play on Thursday and we wish them all the best.

Christmas Jumper for Crumlin

Wear your Christmas Jumper on Friday Dec 22nd and make a donation to Crumlin Children's Hospital.



Advent: All classes are learning about Advent in school as we count the weeks towards Christmas.



School Calendar: See over for calendar for the remainder of the year. Please note that some dates may be subject to change.

School Calendar: Sept 2023- June 2024

Month	Description	
Friday 1 st September 2023	School reopens 9.20am	Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm from 1 – 15 th September
October / November	Mid-term break	School closed Monday 30 th Oct – Friday 3 rd Nov. Reopens Mon 6 th Nov.
November 30th	Parent teacher meetings	Times will be available to book online from November 15 th .
December 13th	School closed	Staff Training Day—new Maths Curriculum
December / January	Christmas Holidays	School closes @ 12.30pm Fri 22 nd Dec, reopens Mon 8 th Jan24
January 19 th	Pantomime	Annual trip to the Gaiety Panto
February 5 th Feb	St. Brigid's Day	School closed Mon 5 th Feb
February	Mid-term break	School closed Thursday & Friday 15 th & 16 th February.
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday	All children attend Mass at 10am
March 18 th	St Patrick's Day	School closed Monday 18 th March
March 20th	Confirmation	
March / April	Easter Holidays	School closes Fri 22 nd March at 12.30pm, reopens Mon 8 th April 2024
May Bank holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 3 rd and Monday 6 th May.
May 18th	First Holy Communion	
June Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 31 st May and Monday 3 rd June.
June 27 th	Summer Holidays	School closes @12.30pm