

Yellow Furze NS
February Newsletter 2024

EARLY CLOSURE—NEW DATE—TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20TH
Please note that due to a Staff Meeting on February 20th, school will close at 2pm. Junior & Senior Infants will finish at 1.50pm to minimise congestion.

Parents Association:

Monster Bingo: The final figures for the Monster Bingo show a fantastic result with €10,184.85 raised. I'd like to again take this opportunity to sincerely thank the P.A. for their wonderful organisation of the event and to the whole school community for the amazing support offered.

Pantomime: The school had a very successful trip to the Gaiety to see the pantomime, "Cinderella". A number of members of the public came up to us to complement the children on their general behaviour at the show. Many thanks to all who helped organise the event.

Grandparents' Day: *Well done to our 4th class who did a tremendous job hosting the school's Grandparents' Day as part of Catholic Schools Week. Fr. David held a prayer service organised by the children and they then proceeded to present their "Old and Interesting" historical objects to all the parents and grandparents. Finally, it was great to meet so many of you for a cup of tea and biscuit afterwards. The children had a hugely enjoyable time and it is always a treat for them to have Granny or Grandad present with them in school.*

St Brigid's Day Crosses: Many thanks to those who dropped in reeds and rushes to help make our crosses. Marian Kelly and the 5th and 6th classes did a fantastic job with them.

Credit Union Quiz : Well done to both teams on participating. Congratulations to our u11 team who won Category A and will now go on to represent Yellow Furze in the Chapter Level.

Drop off/Pick up: Many thanks to all those who continue to adhere to our requests regarding dropping off and picking up pupils. I have noticed that very often those who do not follow the instructions are not the parents. We would ask that you mention the rules to whoever is responsible for dropping off your child.

School Communication: We hope to begin using our new communication system, Aladdin Connect, in the next while. As we move to that system, we are asking that all school communication be done through the homework journal and the school office. Notes can be written to the teacher in the journal and emails sent to Joan in the office at secretary@yellowfurzene.ie. As always, you can contact the office via phone @046 9024434.

English: We will be welcoming the school inspectorate next week to the school who will be looking at the whole area of English.

Internet Safety: Earlier this week was Internet Safety Day. Last month we had Zeeko in to talk to 3rd—6th about the various issues that can arise from dealing with the internet and how we can develop strategies to keep ourselves safe. There was also a parents information session. I am sure that those who attended found it useful.

Sport: Swimming will be beginning in the school from March and we will give further details on this closer to the time. Rugby is continuing in the school for 4th, 5th and 6th.

Olympic Handball: Well done to all our teams who participated in the Olympic Handball County Championships. All our teams performed superbly well with the highlight of the day being our U13 boys winning a thrilling final against St. Paul's Ratoath to qualify for the Leinster Competition. Many thanks to their manager Mr Martin and fellow coaches, Ms. Halpenny and Mr Curtis.

Sacramental Classes:

Our 6th class are now in full preparation mode for Confirmation. Many thanks to all those parents who are involved in the "You Shall be my Witness" programme. Confirmation itself takes place on Wednesday 20th of March at 12 noon.

First Holy Communion: A meeting for parents will take place on 22 Feb in Beauparc Church @ 7pm. The Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion will be @11am on 10th March 2024. First Holy Communion takes place on 18th May 2024 at 10am.

First Penance: Parents meeting 27 Feb @ 7pm in Church, Enrolment Mass Sun 14 April 11am. First Penance Tues 23rd April @ 7pm in Beauparc Church

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
December / January	Christmas Holidays	School closes @ 12.30pm Fri 22 nd Dec, reopens Mon 8 th Jan.2024
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	Children attend Mass at 10am
February 20th	Staff meeting 2-4pm	School closes @ 2pm
March 1st	Swimming 12.15 & 1pm	3rd—6th classes.
March 18 th	St Patrick's Day	School closed Monday 18 th March
March 20th	Confirmation 12 noon	
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.
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