

7. Nuachtlitir

25/01/2022

Covid-19

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the number of cases amongst our pupils since last week. We ask parents to be very vigilant and alert for Covid symptoms in your child/children. I will alert pod groups if there is a case in a pod and whole class groups if there are multiple positive cases in a class group setting. Please see this useful HSE quick guide for parents/guardians:

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/algorithms/isolation%20quick%20guide%20under%2013s.pdf>

Hopefully, this current spike will be over soon and we look forward to brighter days ahead.

Catholic Schools Week 2022 - 23/01/2022 - 30/01/2022

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. The theme for this year is "Living Life to the Full". The daily theme for Catholic Schools Week is as follows:

Monday - Living Life to the Full with God

Tuesday - Living Life to the Full Together

Wednesday - Celebrating Being Together Again

Thursday - Living Life in Wonder and Awe

Friday - Living Life and Facing the Future

During the week the teachers will be completing different activities around the above themes with the pupils.

"Beatha teanga í a labhairt"

We encourage the children to use the Irish that they know throughout the school day and at home. You can support your child by using your Irish also. Attached to this email you will find a sheet with a list of key phrases that can be used at home. Just select one or two phrases each week and practise them with your child. It might be an idea to display this sheet at home on the fridge or cupboard and highlight the phrases you are working on.

Bain triail as! Give it a try!

Enrolment Forms for Junior Infants 2022/2023

Please return enrolment forms before February 4th (post or drop form to Anke in the office).

February Mid-term

The school will be closed on Thursday 24th February and Friday 25th February 2022.

Reminder September Fees

Please send in any outstanding fees before Friday 25th March.

Early Collection/Late Arrival

If your child arrives late to school (after 9.20 a.m.) or is collected early from school for any reason please complete the sign in/sign out book at reception.

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

We will be commencing our RSE lessons in February. Later this week you will receive an email about the content of the programme.

Míle Buíochas

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the Irish Heart Foundation Christmas Collection. €640.85 was raised on the day.

School Transport Scheme Review

The Department of Education is in the process of conducting a review of the School Transport Scheme. The review began in February 2021 and encompasses the School Transport Scheme for Children with Special Educational Needs and the Primary and Post-Primary School Transport Schemes.

The review is being conducted with a view to examining the current scheme, its broader effectiveness and sustainability and to ensure that it serves students and their families adequately. The review will also examine the potential for integration of different strands of the scheme and a more co-ordinated approach with other Government Departments that also use transport services. It will also consider issues such as climate action, rural development and promoting where possible initiatives that encourage walking and cycling to school.

Parents and guardians are being invited to complete a survey, which is accessible at www.gov.ie/schooltransportreview

Mise le meas,

Mairéad Uí Íomhair.