

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter January 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2016. After all the excitement of November and December January is about working hard in class. Our wonderful staff and children have been ploughing through the curriculum. It is often said that the ability to work hard is the key to success in life so it is great to see lots of hard work in our school.

Swimming:

4th – 6th classes have started their swimming lessons. It is a very important life skill and the children are making a lot of progress already. If you can at all, children should be brought swimming as often as possible. The opportunity to practice the skills they have learned would really help them.

Enrolment:

We have offered places for Junior Infants for the 2016/2017 school year. We look forward to welcoming the new students and their families to our school community.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Thank you to all the parents who made the effort to attend their child's parent/teacher meeting. If you couldn't make it please feel free to arrange another appointment with your child's teacher as the information shared at this meeting helps us to do our job better. Even though the PT meetings are over you can still meet your child's teacher at any point later in the year if you want to. Contact your child's teacher, either through Jacinta in the office or by note in the homework journal, to make an appointment.

First Confession:

Children in 2nd Class are preparing for their First Confession now. They will be attending practices with Fr. Ted in our local church over the next few weeks. First Confession is on Feb 24th. This is part of this year's journey to First Holy Communion so we wish all the children involved the best of luck with it.

LIIDC:

The Little Island Industries Development Company has been sponsoring our school for several years. They presented a plaque to us recently to mark the ongoing relationship with

us. This plaque is now proudly displayed on the wall outside reception. We look forward to working with the LIIDC for many years to come.

5th Class Bank of Ireland/Biz World:

Bank of Ireland and Biz World run a programme for schools that encourages children to develop a business idea and try to develop it. Our 5th class came up with some novel ideas which they had to pitch to our local bank manager in a Dragon's Den style interview. It was interesting to see how quickly our children took to the new language and concepts. Thank you to Claire in Bank of Ireland for setting this up and we look forward to doing it again next year.

WOW Days:

The weather has been unkind for the last month or so. We have decided to defer our Walk on Wednesdays until after midterm when (we hope) the weather will be a bit better. We will notify you when they are starting again.

New School Jerseys:

NRG Xpress are a relatively new gym in Little Island. You will have received fliers from them over the last few months advertising after school activities. They have agreed to sponsor new jerseys, which are badly needed, for our girls and boys school teams. A set of jerseys is at least €600 so this generous sponsorship is greatly appreciated.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

1st-5th Feb: Catholic Schools Week

10th Feb: Board of Management meeting

18th & 19th Feb: school closed for mid-term break.

22nd Feb: school nurse in for Junior Infants

24th Feb: 11am First Confession