



## January 2018

### News Bulletin

School Website

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#### Dates for your Diary

Catholic Schools Week - 28<sup>th</sup> January - 4<sup>th</sup> February

- Christian Brothers Grammar Open Day for P6 & P7 Boys - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 9.45 am.
- Loreto Grammar Open Night for P6 & P7 Girls - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30 pm.
- St. Ciaran's College Open Night for P6 & P7 pupils - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm.

Grandparents Day will take place during Catholic Schools Week, details will follow when arrangements have been finalised with Fr. McGahan.

School Closure for Mid-term - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> & Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

#### School Attendance

Our school attendance for the first term was 97 %. Parents are reminded that when your child is off school, a note explaining the reason for absence must be sent to the school on your child's return to school.

#### Winter Weather

In the event of snowfall, it is our policy that the staff will try to ensure the school remains open, however the safety of both pupils and staff will be paramount and if roads are too dangerous the school may need to be closed. In such instances a text message will be sent to all parents as soon as a decision to close has been taken.

#### Feis Dhún Geanainn

Each year the school offers your child an opportunity to take part in Feis Dhún Geanainn. All children are encouraged to take part, as it helps to develop self-confidence and is a very worthwhile experience for them. Please return your child's entry form to the school by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January with your fee.**

#### Dinner Monies

At the start of a new year we would like to remind parents that dinner money should be paid each week on either **Monday or Friday.**

#### After School Activities

**Boxercise Afterschool** will begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> for P5-P7 3pm - 4pm. Max number of pupils is 20, so places must be booked and on a first come first served basis. (See leaflet attached).

**Jo Jingles Afterschool** for P1 & P2 will recommence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm - 3pm.

#### School Show

I would like to thank everyone who assisted us with our Christmas Draw and Christmas Shows held on 15<sup>th</sup> December. It was heart-warming and encouraging to see the huge turnout of parents, relatives, friends and the local community. A lot of work went into the excellent shows by staff and children and I would like to congratulate everyone involved!

Total amount raised for our School Finds £2,055. The DVD of our School Show 2017 is now available at the school office at a cost of £5.

#### Big Book Hunt

HUNT UNDER THE SOFA, BEHIND THE BEDS, CHECK THE CUPBOARDS AND EVEN UNDER THE DOG!!

Please return any reading or library books belonging to St. Patrick's P.S. ~ even if you have had them lying about for ages it really does not matter. We would just love to have them back and in their rightful place!

#### Toy Day

Our pupils have asked for a Toy Day when they can bring one of their Christmas toys to school to play with. Therefore this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> pupils may bring a toy to school. Please impress upon your child the need to look after their toy as the school cannot be responsible for lost parts or breakages.