

- P2 had a great week with Eamonn from the Credit Union as part of the Young Enterprise Project.
- R7 are enjoying their Art Workshop with some of the residents from Glencarron Nursing Home
- Roots of Empathy continues in P5 and Y5/6 boys continue with their Rugby.
- Irish Dance (2-3) and Comhaltas continue on Tuesdays whilst Galaxy dance (2-4) and Irish Dance (5-8) continue on Thursdays.

School Council are coordinating all classes in the “Making Up” of a Food Hamper for those who are needy. We are asking all children to bring in an item of nonperishable goods . Further information in letter.

Trips: P2 have been visiting local businesses including the Fire Station and Styling Sisters. All the younger classes will be making their journey to the Post Office/Credit Union to make sure their letters are on their way to Lapland. Indeed many thanks to the local businesses for their kindness and generosity on these visits.

R6-7 went to the Piping Festival in Armagh and had a great morning and received much praise for the great talent on show.

Members of the Traditional Groups of our school and Markethill PS will visit a number of businesses and Residential Homes on Thu 14th Dec

School choir will be performing in Newry on 5th Dec in The Buttercrane, Evilla Nursing Home Bessbrook and Rathkeelan Day Centre.

Toy and Gift Collections for St Vincent de Paul Society: Any donations of toys and gifts can be left at the school foyer in the school over the coming weeks. The collection date is the 20th December. If you know of anyone who deserves some help at Christmas please contact the local St Vincent de Paul branch - 02830861378

Gaelic Sports The girls football team recently participated in the South Armagh Indoor Blitzes in Dundalk DKIT. They played very well in the competition with the girls winning and qualifying for the County Finals in the New Year.

Unfortunately the after school football session for Y6/7 on Thursdays will now cease

Christmas Performances

This year, children in R4,P4,P5,P5/6,P6,R5/6.,R7 and P7 will perform their Eurovision Song Contest which they performed for our visitors in October. The performances will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 6th December. The performance will be repeated three times. As space in the hall is very limited (as will parking) we are asking parents to attend at the following times..

Wednesday 6th December.

930am Parents of R4,R5,R6 and R7

1100am Parents of P4 and P5

2.05pm Parents of P6 and P7

Due to the lack of space in our hall we are asking parents etc to only attend once. Thank you for your help in this.

Children in P1, P2 and P3 are doing a joint Christmas performance this year. As with the older children this performance will take place three times. We ask parents to attend at the following times,

Wed 20th Dec @11 am P3 parents.

Thu 21st Dec @930 am P2 parents

Thu 21st Dec @ 11am P1 parents.

We are also asking parents to only attend one performance due to lack of space and safety.

Gaelscoil Dráma na Nollaig (R1-R3)

R3 Performance Tue 12th @10am

R1 Performance Tue 19th @945am

R2 Performance Wed 20th @ 930am

- Fri 8th School Closed Feast of Immaculate Conception
- Thu 14th Nursery Nativity Mrs Murphy class @1030am
- Wed 13th Nursery Nativity Ms Hughes class @1030am
- Fri 15th After School Drama Group – Variety Show @3pm
- Fri 22nd School Closes at 11am
- Mon 8th Jan Children return

As the rest of the school is still busy during the Christmas Performances please park well away from the school and not near the children’s pathways or entrances. School Entrances will be busy with taxis/buses and children arriving and leaving the school entrances. Thank you.

Dear Parents

Advent is a time of preparation and we are encouraging the children to ready themselves for Christmas by doing something for others e.g. visit the church, say a prayer for someone, feed the birds, visit an elderly neighbour, donate a toy to a charity etc. The children in Years 5-7 will participate in an Advent Reconciliation service with Fr Cullen during December.

As always this is a busy time of year both at home and at school please find time to come and join us at some of our events. Please take note of times of the various performances overleaf.

The Credit Union visits our school every Thursday morning. Send in some money to save with them. Its a great habit to develop.

Many thanks to parents in R4 and P4 who attended the Enrolment Service and Information Night held by Fr Dermot.

Please take a note of the Christmas Performance times and we look forward to seeing you in the school over the next few weeks.

Please remember to pay school meals promptly- £2.60 for Primary School and £2.55 for Nursery school. Thank you .

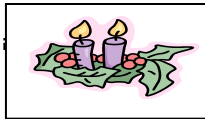
Spelling Bee Competition will take place shortly with the P7 R7 children looking to be crowned champion. Winners will receive the Geraldine Lambe Cup.

Application forms for Nursery and P1 for September 2018 are now available in school office – Closing Date Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Raffle for Action MS taking place - £1 a line – Beautiful Cuddly Gorilla to win ! Congratulations to Mrs Gibney and her husband Ronan, on the birth of baby Daire and to Annmarie and her husband Steven on the birth of baby Finn.



Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year



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IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

(Dates and Times for Christmas Performances are overleaf)

Dec 1st First Friday Mass- prayers led by P6/R6

Thu 7th Christmas Dinner – school finishes at 12.30 PM nursery /1.30pm Irish Medium

1.45pm English Medium- Children can wear Christmas Jumpers- Santa Hats

Fri 8th Holiday-School Closed - Feast Day of Immaculate Conception –

Fri 22nd School closes at 11am for Christmas Break

January

Fri 5th Staff Development Day – Numeracy –sampling

Mon 8th School Reopens for children

Mon 8th Information Night for Admissions to Primary 1 (Meeting @7.00pm) and Rang 1

(Meeting @7.45pm) for school year 2018/2019 – Please pass on to relations and neighbours

Wednesday 10th @Noon closing date for Nursery & P1 applications

Galaxy Coaching will finish on 14th Dec until the new year.

Youth Club Kids disco on in St Oliver Plunkett Youth Club, on Thursdays 30th Nov /

18th December - 7-9.00pm - Years 4-7. Price £3/€4