December Newsletter

Thank you to everybody for their cooperation and help during the first term. A particular thank you to all our parents who helped in any way.

Reminder to all our parents that the parents Association meet once a month. We would love to see you at the meetings. The parents association would like to organize evening classes for our parents in the school. If you have any suggestions let us know.

Thank you to all who supported the Harvest Fete and the Christmas card sale. All monies raised will help purchase resources for your children. Our latest purchases include staged readers for junior classes, laptops and drumming equipment.

The Board of management has been finalised and includes Jane Harris, Sohrab Nezamabad, (Patron Nominees), Mike Quealy, Peter Sadlier (Staff members), Denise Shaw Kelly, Paul Gardiner, (Parent Members) Trish Kernan and Breda O' Neill.(Wider Community members)

Our new school is gone past the tender stage that means that a building company has been selected, hopefully we will have more news soon.

Well done to Ellen who has been busy with the Green Schools Committee. We aim to have our next Green Flag in 2017. The theme is Water, classes are investigating ways in which we can conserve water. Keep an eye out for our ten water saving tips on the corridor windows.

Maria's, Jame's and Siobhan's class took part in an energy workshop facilitated by Áine from Irish Seedsavers.

Well done to Peter and Paula for setting up wild bird feeders around the school. Peter and some of the children are doing a survey on the wild bird species around our school using a wildlife camera to monitor them feeding.

We had a lovely visit from two members of the Irish Defence Forces recently. They presented us with a copy of the proclamation and the Irish Tricolour. We will have a celebration to raise our Tricolour on 15th March.

There are lots of activities happening in the school each week. We aim to upload photos in the gallery and the news section of our website on a weekly basis. If you have time please log on and talk to your child about the activities s/he is involved in.

Keep an eye out for our lovely art work on the website.

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Well done to fifth and sixth on their exciting" Dragons Den" presentations as part of the Junior Entrepeneur Project.

Fifth and sixth attended a workshop in Mary Immaculate College on circuits and motors as part of science week.

It was great to see all our students make progress in the swimming pool at UL. Well done to the students from second to sixth classes.

Our Second class students are acting as Simon Community Ambassadors in the school this December. They had a visit from Geraldine Clancy from Simon who asked them to raise awareness in the school community about how we can help the homeless this time of year. For more information log onto www.simon.ie

We have collected a huge amount of food for the needy. Well done to all. Monday is the last day to donate. Thanks to Jenny Walsh for helping to organise this.

Fourth/ Fifth and Sixth classes have had some coaching sessions with a Development officer from Munster Rugby. The girls will have a tag rugby blitz in the New Year.

Second Class are very excited about their play" Eddie the Penguin" which they will perform on Friday.

Saoirse from Maria's class has a lovely poem on the website.

Well done to Bernie's class and their lovely snowmen!

The Engineer responsible for the restoration of Mungret College has had to close the car park in front of the college due to Health and safety risk from loose slates. It will remain closed indefinitely. The main carpark will be resurfaced during the holidays. Please continue to drive with due care at drop off times. Remember to keep the area in front of school gate free of cars; this is for busses and for children with mobility needs only. Do not drop off at the small roundabout as this slows down the flow of traffic, follow the one way system through the carpark. As always thank you for your understanding.

If anybody would like to volunteer to assist with the drop off area please contact the Parents Association, Mike or Deirdre in reception.

As part of SPHE all classes learn about road safety. Please talk to your child about the importance of walking in the drop off area and in front of the school gate.

James Tuohy is the new teacher for third class until Yvonne returns from Maternity leave.

Congratulations to Yvonne and family on the birth of baby Iarla!

Parents Association are having a coffee morning in the school on this Friday 18th December. Come along for a chat and a cuppa!

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Follow the Parents Association on Facebook go to our website/ events and click in the facebook link School will close at 12:00 on Tuesday 22nd December and will re-open on Wednesday 6th January.

Hope you all enjoy the break! Mike and all the staff

