



## February Mid-Term Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your help in the last half term here are some updates on activities that are happening in the school.

- Well done to Aimee, Pawitra, Ellen, Abbie, Bogdan, Ciara, Caoimhe, and Isobel who took part in the Credit Union Schools Quiz. They did very well and we are looking forward to having extra teams in this event next year.
  - Well done to the girls from Pamela and Siobhan's class who took part in a tag rugby blitz today
  - Second to sixth class have soccer sessions with Conor from the FAI
  - Our Junior and senior infants had great fun learning about garden birds with Geoff Hunt last week.
  - Pancake Tuesday was a great success, over €150 was raised and this will be used to purchase books for junior classes
  - This week is friendship week in school. All classes will be playing cooperative games, doing lessons on friends and friendship, we will be making friendship bracelets and hope to have a chain with 244 links to represent all our students.
  - We have a hands free rule on our junior playground. We have a simple rhyme that we do with the juniors. 1-2-3 Hands free (say and clap the numbers and hold hands out when you say hands free. It would be great if you could practice this at home.
  - Maria's class are doing a number of sessions of "Mindfulness" Many thanks to one of our parents Laura Collins for introducing this to us.
  - The Parents Association are having a quiz in Alphonie's bar in Ballycummin on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. Please come along and support. If you cannot make it on the night perhaps you could consider donating a prize for the raffle.
  - We have spent over €650 on drums and percussion instruments, many thanks to the parents Association for funding this.
  - Thanks to the O'Donnell Family for donating a drum kit to the school
  - A big thank you to all of you who have made the voluntary contribution. This is vital for the running of the school.
  - Well done to one of our parents Tim for securing the walkway along the front of the college for pedestrians and cyclists
  - Thank you for your patience in the drop-off area, working together we can keep all our children safe.
- Remember:
- Follow the one way system
  - No parking near roundabout
  - Drive slowly and with care
- Date for your Diary: On March 15<sup>th</sup> we will commemorate the 1916 rising by raising the Irish Flag on the school grounds. We will have a ceremony and all parents are invited, more information closer to the time.
  - Please remember that punctuality is very important for your child's education. 15 minutes missed per day equates to nearly 2 weeks over the school year. It is very distracting for your child and he/she misses out on a lot of teaching time.
  - School closed for Mid-term Thursday, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and will reopen on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.