



December/ January Newsletter

Enrolment:

We have opened our enrolment for the coming academic year 23/24. We would encourage any parent who is interested in enrolling their child in the school to contact the school via email or ring the office.

Confirmation/Communion

The confirmation date has been changed to Monday April 24th at 10am in Freemount Church. We would like to again apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your understanding.

The First Confession Sacrament will be celebrated on March 7th at 7pm in the Church. There will be further information nearer the time.

Sports:

The school participated in indoor competitive hurling and camogie blitzes in Mallow in the month of January. Our girls and boys played extremely well in their matches and should be proud of their effort. We are delighted that the girls team managed to qualify for the county finals in Na Piarisigh which is due to be played in early February. Our 5th and 6th class hurling and camogie teams will have indoor competitions coming up in February.

School Yard resurfacing: The tendering process for contractors finished on Friday 13th January, and we are just waiting to finalise some details and we will hopefully be beginning work in the not too distant future.

Curriculum:

The school closed for a half day on 8th December to allow the staff engage in planning for PE and developing our PE policy. This proved to be a very successful exercise and we have now devised a 2-year plan which will focus on the various strands and Fundamental movement skills that should enhance learning for the children. The school PE policy is available on the school website.

Active Flag:

The school are continuing to engage in the Active Flag campaign. We are currently encouraging children to participate in Active Homework as well as promoting playground leaders in the school yard. I would like to thank Ms. O'Gorman for her help and ideas in this area. We would ask that you continue to encourage your children to engage with their Active Homework.

Credit Union Quiz:

We are sending a 3rd/4th and a 5th/6th class team to the Credit Union Quiz in Hibernian Hotel Mallow on January 30th. We would like to wish both teams the very best of luck in representing the school.





Extra-Curricular Classes:

French Lessons began on January 9th for six-week period. This is again being funded by the Parents Association and is being done by all children in the school. We greatly appreciate the support.

Swimming Lessons finished on the 14th December for 3rd to 6th class. These lessons were extremely popular and we have booked them provisionally again for the months of September and October next year for 3rd-6th class.

Gymnastic lessons began on Thursday 12th January in the community hall. We are delighted to have this opportunity for the children and have no doubt it will be a huge success. These lessons will conclude on the 14th February.

The school have provisionally booked rugby coaching sessions with a coach from Munster Rugby which will begin on February 24th.

Santa Visit:

We were delighted to welcome Santa, Mrs. Claus their elf to the school on December 20th. The children were delighted to see them and enjoyed the treats they were given. We would like to thank the Parents Association for managing to book Santa to come and visit the school as we know it was a very busy time of year for him.

Website: The school website is now fully operational and Ms. Keen has been making updates and improvements to this and we thank her for her commitment to the work.

Fundraising: We held our Christmas concert on the 5th December in conjunction with the Duhallow Choir. This proved to be a very successful and enjoyable night and over 6000€ was raised. This money has been used to purchase 12 new Chromebooks for the school as well as a mood table, activity boards, rainbow lights for the sensory room. I would like to thank everyone involved in the fundraising work and the people who donated so generously to the fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated

Policies: The staff have looked at our Healthy Eating and PE policies and we have made the changes we feel are necessary to update the policies. They can be found on the school website.

Meetings with Staff

If any parent wishes to make an appointment to meet with a member of staff then please either arrange the meeting through Aladdin or by ringing the school phone number.

Upcoming Events February:

Grandparents Day:

We will be celebrating Grandparents Day in the school on Friday 3rd February. We will be welcoming the Grandparents into the school at 9.45 am. We are very much looking forward to seeing them.

Bank Holiday and Mid-term break:

The school will be closed on Monday 6th of February and on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of February.

