



October/November/December Newsletter

Hello everyone. Here is a brief summary of the events that have gone on in the school in the previous few months as well as some upcoming events in December and the New Year.

Retirement: We said goodbye to Mrs. Sheila Thompson on the 10th of November after over 30 years of outstanding service to the school. We had a fantastic day of celebration in the school on the day of her retirement and I would like to thank all the pupils, staff, parents, guests and community groups that helped make the day so memorable. I would also like to thank the Parents Association for their help with the catering for the day.

Appointment: We have appointed Ms. Martina Barry to the role of Special Education teacher for the remainder of the school year following the departure of Mrs. Thompson. Ms. Barry will be starting with us on the 6th of December. The school would also like to thank Ms. Katie Lordan who has covered this role while we have been waiting for Ms. Barry to begin.

School Sports:

We were delighted to make the finals of both the Boys and Girls Football competitions this year which were held in November in Mallow GAA ground. Both teams showed great commitment, skill and determination in their finals. Our Girls team came out victorious and our Boys unfortunately lost in their final. Well done to everyone on representing your school.

The school also participated in a rugby blitz in Charleville rugby pitch on Wednesday 4th October and everyone had a very enjoyable day.

BOM representatives: The Governance Period for Board of Managements has commenced as of the 1st of December. The staff have nominated Ms. Lorraine Tighe as our representative. We wish her well in her new role. We would like to thank all the members of the previous Board for their contribution to the management of the school.

Curriculum:

Training for the new Primary maths Curriculum was done on Monday 27th of November.

The school closed for a half day on Thursday 26th October to facilitate staff planning for the school Irish plan.

Parent Teacher meetings:

We held our parent teacher meetings on the 22nd and 23rd of November. Thank you to everyone who attended.

SSE:

The school will be engaging with Irish for our School self evaluation process this year. We have sent out questionnaires to all parents and students focus groups and we thank you for your responses. We will now be looking at these results and putting strategies in place to further increase pupil engagement and enjoyment of Irish.

Extra-Curricular Classes:

French Lessons began on Monday November 6th for a six-week period. Thank you to the Parents Association for their continued funding of this. We will be doing this again after the February Mid term break.

Swimming Lessons finished in October for children from 1st to 6th class. These were extremely successful and popular among the children and we would like to thank the parent's Association for their contribution towards the cost of the buses. We have booked the lessons again for September 2024 for the same classes.

The school has been fortunate to secure Gymnastics lessons for the whole school beginning on Thursday 9th of November. The children have been enjoying these lessons hugely and shown fantastic improvement to date. We would again thank the Parents Association for their help in funding this.

Food Dudes:

We were delighted to engage with the Food Dudes Healthy eating initiative again. We would like to thank Ms. Tighe for her help in coordinating this and we would ask you to continue to encourage your children to include healthy options in their lunches.

Christmas Concert:

We will be having our Christmas Play, Cinderella Rockerfella, in the Community Hall on Thursday 14th December. Unfortunately due to number restrictions we are only able to offer 140 tickets to the morning show and the same amount to the evening show. Shows begin at 11:30am and 6:30pm and the doors will be open 15 mins beforehand. We have been practicing really hard for this and we look forward to having you there.

Upcoming events:

1. The Parents Association annual Santa day is on Saturday 9th December and thank you to everyone again for their continued support of this brilliantly organised event.
2. All the Students will be going to the Panto on Monday 18th of December in University of Limerick.
3. The School will be closing at 12 o'clock on Friday December 22nd for the Christmas Holidays.

Thank you all for your support and co-operation with everything that has gone on in the school since September and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Thanks

Mr. O'Flynn