



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and guardians,

We are almost at the end of our first term here in Citywest and Saggart CNS. This term there have been plenty of activities in the school. The more exciting news is that we are moving into our permanent school building next week and we look forward to welcoming the children into their new classrooms on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. It has been a stressful time for staff, students and parents with the uncertainty of the move but this is a fresh start for us all and an exciting time. We will be in contact over the next few weeks with a booklet for parents explaining the morning and afternoon arrangements and classroom allocation for children.

We will have a new member of staff joining us on 6<sup>th</sup> January also. Ciara Lacey will be joining us as our new cleaner and we are looking forward to welcoming her.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday period and a Happy Christmas to all those who celebrate it. We will see you all in the New Year. ☺

### Dates to Remember:

School closures: 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> December

School reopens: 6<sup>th</sup> January (Drop-off from 8.40)

Open evening: 16<sup>th</sup> January

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The new board of management has been formed. The confirmed members of our new board are Conor McGuckin (Chairperson), Mike Byrne, Claire Broderick, Anne Genockey, Eddie Harman, Allison Carter. The last board meeting of the old board was held on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see the website for the summary.

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

### Junior Infants

In Ms. O'Donovans junior infants they were learning lots of different sounds like i,a,t,s,h,r and p. They also learned a songs about the number 4 and the morning. They do not know what they are going to be learning next month but I hope to find out soon. They are most looking forward to the bathrooms in the toilets, new big yard and their new classroom. During this month they also played with sand, pretended to be doctors and build lots of amazing things with Lego!

### Senior Infants

This month senior infants in room five have been working really hard and learning lots of things!

Some things they enjoyed learning about were 3D shapes and construction sites. When I asked them what they would be learning next month they said that they didn't know yet but are looking forward to what they will be doing in maths especially.

The things they are looking forward to most in our new school are the new basketball courts, the new office, the new PE hall and the new yard.

That's all for this month can't wait to hear how they are doing next month!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Class

Ms. Kelly's 1st class have been learning about the weather. They have also been learning about north, south, east and west. In geography they were learning about the Sahara Desert and in maths they were learning about 'before and after'.

They are going to be learning about winter. They are going to be making a new map so they can get directions around the new school.

1st class are very excited about the new P.E hall, the new yard, the basketball court. In PE they have been doing athletics.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

MS. MEHTA'S 2ND CLASS HAVE LEARNED A LOT OF INTERESTING THINGS LIKE POEMS, ADDING MONEY, REGROUPING AND THE HISTORY OF SNOW GLOBES. NEXT MONTH THEY WILL BE DOING OMGY AND DECORATING THEIR NEW CLASSROOM. THEY ARE MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BASKETBALL COURT AND A BIGGER YARD. THEY ALSO LEARNED ABOUT TALLY MARKS AND WINTER.

## Staff Profile

This month's special staff member is...  
Mrs. O'Brien!

Mrs. O'Brien works as an SNA (Special Needs Assistant) in the school. She was born in England and soon flew over to Co. Cavan in Ireland to then move to Dublin then Australia and Leixlip.

Mrs. O'Brien also loves to travel to different countries as her pastime. One of her favourite places to go is Italy. Her favourite movie is Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Cafe.

Interesting facts about her is that she has done lots of traveling in the past, her favourite and when she wanted to grow up, she wanted to be a children's nurse.

WELL DONE TO MS. GARVEY'S SENIOR INFANT CLASS AND MR. O BRIEN'S SIXTH CLASS FOR HAVING THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

In 3rd class the children have been learning about middle age during history e.g. farming. In maths they have been learning about symmetry. They have also been learning about rivers in Ireland. Next month they will learn about the Stone Age. In maths they will learn about money and 3D shapes.

Third class are looking forward to exploring the new school, seeing their new classroom and having bathrooms in their class!



## 4<sup>th</sup> Class

In Ms. Smyth's 4th class, they have been a lot about formal and informal letters, addition and fractions and in history they have been learning about the Victorian Times.

Next month they will be doing decimals, learning about a new country and writing stories in Irish too. In the new school, the 4th class children are looking forward to the yard, the P.E hall and our clean toilets in the classroom.

Some of the interesting facts about the 4th class is that they're big fans of copic markers. They also have pen pals and can't wait for their pen licence.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class

In Ms. Smyth's class they have been learning a lot of things. Like the poles (Antarctic and Arctic) and Tom Crean and that's not all! In maths they've been learning about fractions and money. In SPHE they are doing an experiment about germs. So they will see how the germs spread on 3 pieces of bread and they learned about the food pyramid. Next month they will be learning about the Vikings and persuasive writing. They are looking forward to moving into our new school and this is what they're looking forward to: new class rooms, a new PE hall, and a new hall. They all have good plans for the winter holidays!

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class

In Mr. O'Brien's and Ms. Crosbie's 6th class, they have been learning The Mean, The Median, The Mode and The Range in maths. They have also been talking about the natural features of the Earth. Algebra is something that a few of the children enjoyed and found quite easy, but others; not so much! In geography, they have been reading Anne Frank's diary and doing World War II projects at home, and some narrative writing in class.

Next month in Mr. O'Brien's class, they will be making a Junior Entrepreneur Program and learning some music that appear in movies you know like 'Hakuna Matata' and 'Let It Go'. Most of the kids in the class are really looking forward the most in our new school is their classroom, their toilets in the classroom, our big P.E hall and our own yard.

## *Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)*

We have held the following events: - Halloween Bake sale which raised over €900, Recycling event which raised over €300, the Design-a-Card event which raised €800, and the popular Scholastic Book Fair – we are still counting! Great start to this year's fundraising - €2000. We are currently running our annual Charity Appeal which this year is in aid of Barnardos, the Children's Charity. Boxes have been set up in the lobby. We are accepting new clothing, toiletries & toiletry sets, socks, slippers, hats, scarves and gloves, arts and craft items and vouchers that would be suitable for teenagers.

This will be for the local project based in Citywest. We are also selling tickets for a raffle to win a Barnados Build-a-Bear teddy and all proceeds will be donated to the charity.

Once again we have set up our Winter Post Box in the lobby for the children to post their cards to their classmates. We will be delivering the envelopes to the classrooms on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Our next meeting will be Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020.

