



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians,
Happy New Year to you all and a very happy Chinese new year which was recently celebrated. Some of the children in the school have been learning about China and I was very happy to have been invited to see their projects.

I would like to welcome our newest members of staff to the team. Ciara Lacey and Jonathan Parsons will join CSCNS as our new cleaner and caretaker and I hope they feel at home here.

We were very proud of our quiz teams who performed very well at the recent quizzes and our school choir who did the school proud at the recent Cross Border Peace Proms. We hope the children and parents enjoyed the events and thank the dedicated teachers who worked closely with the children.

Enrolments for junior infants 2020 has now closed and acceptance forms can be dropped in to Karen in the office before next week.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Junior Infants

In junior infants, they had lots of fun learning the letters, sounds and numbers 6 and 7. They have been learning about food in Irish and dance in P.E.

This month, they will be learning about the weather, using fabric and will be reading 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. The classes will also be working on predicting the weight of objects in maths.

Dates to note:

8th February: PTA Bingo night

11th Feb: Closing date for acceptance forms

14th February: School closes at 2.35 for midterm and will return on Monday 24th February

28th February: Confirmation day for some 6th class students

10th February: Friendship Week

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The first Board of Management meeting of the newly elected board will take place on Thursday 13th February. We will continue to upload the minutes of the meetings on our website and all newly ratified policies will be available on the school website.

Senior Infants

Mrs. Swan's senior infants have been learning about capacity of liquids. In Aistear, they had the 'Baby Clinic' and had lots of fun learning about babies. In the coming month they are going to be learning about the planets and space. They will also be learning more about the months of the year and days of the week. The class were very happy that they won the 'Líne is Fearr' award.

1st Class

It has been a busy time in 1st class. They have been making 3D shapes in maths using sticks and bluetac. They were learning about tens and units, money and problem solving. This month they will be doing printing in art and also food tasting. They have gotten to see the new library and fill up their classroom library with books. Ms Kelly's class won best attendance in the junior classes for January and are very happy with that.

2nd Class

Ms. Mehta's class have been learning all about space this month. They also looked at the life of Helen Keller and as a result tried to draw with their eyes closed in the 'Blind Art' activity. Next month, they will be working on human rights and quilling (which Mr. Mount is very enthusiastic about in his own class!). 2nd class will also continue working on time in maths.

Congratulations to the winners of January Class attendance:
Ms. Kelly's 1st class and Ms. Garvey's senior infants
Mr. Maher's 4th class

Well done to all classes for raising our attendance to 95% for January!

Staff Profile



The staff member of the month is Ms. Crosbie. She is a 6th class teacher working in Room 9. Her favourite thing about the job is how every day is different and how all the boys and girls in her class are so creative and inquisitive. Ms. Crosbie is from Dublin but does like to go on trips. Her favourite one was to Bali in Indonesia. Her best liked movie is Elf and favourite book is 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz'. Her favourite pastime is going out and running. The person she looks up to is her mother because she always puts other people first and is hard working.

3rd Class

Ms Harney's 3rd class have been learning about the Stone Age and the next month they will learn about time and friendship. Some of the children in this class were in the Peace Proms choir event. They are also learning about wisdom teeth, gymnastics. Katies from Ms Harney's class was in the Credit Union Quiz and the class are very proud of her as she was the only person from 3rd class on the team.

4th Class

4th class had been learning about China and did some projects. In maths, 4th class learned about shapes and symmetry. They are looking ahead to learning about the Bronze age and narrative writing. Mr Maher's class have two fish in the classroom called Fergal and Finn. The children can't wait to do GAA and swimming.

5th Class

5th class have been learning about decimals and length, Stay Safe, Vikings, Eadaí, and have been doing persuasive writing. They are looking forward to learning about percentages next month as well as time and the Irish Free State in SESE. They have been doing Gaelic Football, hurling and Camogie with Séan the coach. They have been enjoying the games Zip Zap and Table champs in Ms. Rojack's class.

6th Class

Mr. O' Brien's class have been learning about 2D shapes and they are learning about Native Americans. They are learning about Brazil also. They are doing Eadaí (clothes) in Irish and learning about the immune system in science. Next month will be time for percentages and life in rural Ireland. Some children will be making their confirmation which is a special day for the Catholic children in the class. Everyone is liking being in the new school!

The week beginning 10th February is 'Friendship Week' in CSCNS.

The children and adults will be doing lots of activities to encourage kindness and friendship.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The PTA had their meeting recently and are busy planning the Bingo night for 8th February. They also released a letter to inform parents that they will not be in a position to fund the playground equipment in the yard until the landscaping is complete. The weather at the moment is not dry enough for this to happen. We are all looking forward to seeing the equipment being installed.

Friendship

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