



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents/guardians,

It has been a busy few weeks in our school with Friendship week, Food Dudes and with all of the other in-school activities which have been happening. Please keep a close eye on the Facebook and Twitter pages for updates on these. I would like to welcome Jonathan Parsons to our staff as our new caretaker and wish him all the best as he joins our team.

All places have been offered out to junior infants for next year and we will now be working off waiting lists.

I want to say a massive thank you to our wonderful PTA for the organization of events in our school and for raising much needed funds for the school. Congratulations to our children from 6th class for competing in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and to those children who made their confirmation. We have Seachtain na Gaeilge to look forward to now which will give an opportunity for us all to celebrate our Irish identity.

Dates to note:

8th March - Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week)
16th/17th March - school closed for St. Patrick's Day
23rd March - School Closed for staff training
26th March - World Book Day in our school
3rd April - Easter Break (School finishes at 12)

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The new Board of Management met for the first meeting of the new board on Thursday 13th February. The minutes for circulation are available on the school website. The board meets to discuss the running of the school. The Healthy Eating Policy and Attendance Strategies were ratified.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

Junior Infants

This month, Junior Infants were learning about the garden centre, days of the week and all of the different sounds. They will now be learning how to read books and write in their copies. They are very excited. They are also enjoying the Food Dude's programme. They are learning how to be good friends.

Senior Infants

The past month Ms. Garveys class has been learning about weight, they have used a scale to weigh fruit and other objects.

They have also been learning about the post office and this month they will be going on a trip to a real post office in Citywest.

Mrs Swans class has been learning about space. They can name all of the planets in order. They told me about Neil Armstrong and Apollo 11 first moon landing.

Interesting things to happen in Senior Infants this month: they won Line is Fearr 3 times. They are enjoying food dudes. Jamie from Mrs Swans class won a trophy in a dance competition and Jamie, Elena & Mason had birthdays this month.

1st Class

Mr. O Sullivan's 1st class have been doing experiments in science for heating and cooling. They have been doing some narrative writing and creative dance. They have also been going up to Ms. Whelan's 3rd class to work with older children on Irish. They are looking forward to Irish dancing, learning how to plant potatoes and learning about hobbies in Irish (Caitheamh Aimsire). The class had welcomed a new student called Anvi.

2nd Class

Last month, Ms. Mehta's class learned about human rights for S.E.S.E. They enjoyed learning about children's and human rights. This month to get ready for Seachtain na Gaeilge, the class is learning a lot more Irish. In art, they have been doing quilling and they made monsters with googly eyes they look really scary. In Maths, they learnt about time, halves and quarters. In March, they will be learning lots about trains and in English they will learn about procedure writing. They also welcomed two new students to the class. The class loves the new wheel of fortune which they are very excited about. They will also be voting for a student to be on the student council. Room 18 loves the food Dudes.

Congratulations to the winners of February Class attendance:

Ms. Jordan's junior infants (95.4%)
Ms. Harney's 3rd Class (97.7%)

Well done to all classes for raising our attendance to 93.6% for February!

Staff Profile

The staff profile this month is of our new caretaker Jonathan. Jonathan started working in the school this week and we wanted to find out more about him.

Jonathan comes from Citywest. He likes to make sure everything is safe and clean. He likes golf. Jonathan's favourite movie is Finding Nemo. His favourite holiday is when he paid a visit to Egypt. The person that Jonathan admires the most is Johnny Sexton, who is the captain of the Irish rugby team.

3rd Class

This February, Ms. Whelan's 3rd class has been learning a bit of history such as the Stone Age, maths division and the life cycle of a frog. In more detail, the pupils learned that after the tadpole, it grows legs on the front and the back and is then known as a froglet.

In the month to come, Ms. Whelan's class will learn more about the geography of North America and some history on the Native Americans of America, such as Pocahontas. They also will eventually learn about weights and fractions in maths.

Nathan in Ms. Whelan's 3rd class recently had a piano exam, Lucas moved up a swimming group from swim lessons, Mikolaj had received a new bed and last but not least Aoife won a trophy in a football competition for a week.

4th Class

In Ms Smyth's 4th class, they have been learning about China. They have been studying about why they wear red on Chinese New Year. They have also been writing to pen pals in another school. This class are going to be learning about the Bronze Age, fractions and are doing swimming as part of P.E. Tegan from this class was in a running competition and Jake was in a soccer tournament.

5th Class

In February, Ms.Rojack's class had been learning all about long division and the European Union. They also did some projects on the Vikings and Scandinavia. Ms.Rojack's class are going to be learning about the Irish free state and a new song for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Even though Ms.Rojack's class didn't win line is fear, Ms.Rojack still said that they are a very good class:)

6th Class

In February, Ms.Crosbie's 6th class have been learning Brazil in geography and history, 2D shapes in maths, Catholic Emancipation in history, bullying in SeSe, an teilifis in Irish and in drama they have been doing tourist role plays.

This month, the class will be learning about time and money in maths, an aimsir in irish and magnetism in science.

Some people in 6th class made their confirmation last friday, how exciting!!

Some other things to add is that for the past eight days, our school has been doing the food dudes programme

where we each get a fruit and vegetable and earn a prize!!

I hope Ms.Crosbie and her class have a great month!!

The week beginning 8th March will be Seachtain na Gaeilge. We will celebrate the Irish Language and Irish culture.

Parent-Teacher Association

The PTA are planning a disco for the students on Friday 13th March. Details have been released through email and on the Facebook site.

There will also be an Easter bake sale coming up . . . keep an eye on the social media sites for more details. The Bingo night was a HUGE success and raised lots of money for our school library.

If you and your family are interested in walking in the Rathcoole St. Patrick's Day parade behind the CSCNS banner, please contact a member of the PTA.

