



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER 2016-17

FEBRUARY

GENERAL NEWS/INFO

- **Grandparents day** - We had a great turn out on Wednesday 1st February for Grandparents Day. Thank you to all who came from near and far to celebrate the day. Thanks also to the pupils, staff and Fr. Broaders for all the preparation. A special thanks to the Parents Association for catering on the day and to all who donated sandwiches and baked goods. Thank you also to the Hall Committee for the use of their tables, chairs etc.. and to those who helped setting them up. We all had a very enjoyable day.
- **Maternity Leave** - We said a temporary goodbye to Mrs. Nolan on Friday 27th January as she is now on maternity leave. We wish her all the best with the imminent arrival of her new baby. We will miss you Mrs. Nolan
- **Welcome** - We welcome Mr. Stephen Levingstone who will be covering Mrs. Nolan's maternity leave in third class.
- **Work Experience** - We are delighted to welcome back two past pupils, Tara Murphy and Philip Redmond on Transition Year work experience. We wish them all the best with the rest of their work experience.
- **Open night** - On Thursday 26th January we held an open night for prospective new pupils for September 2017. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who helped out on the night. Enrolment forms are available from the school office and Rathnure playgroup.
- **Do this in memory** - This programme is continuing for First Holy Communion pupils. A big thank you to Fr. Broaders and Miss Doyle for organizing the masses and to the children and their parents for getting involved. The next "Do this in Memory" mass is on Sunday 12th February.
- **Music Lessons** - Learn to read & write music. All students will begin on the Tin Whistle. Opportunities to enter competitions. €7 per class. Available on Tuesdays 3-4pm or later on Fridays. Contact Aoife Codd Mobile 087 2638548

HEALTH PROMOTING SCHOOL/ACTIVE FLAG

- **Operation transformation 10 @ 10** - is on Friday February at 10am every primary school in Ireland is asked to partake in a mass physical activity break for 10 minutes. We will be joining in with 10@10 with a group dance in the yard/arena (weather permitting). We are really looking forward to joining in with this activity, getting active and having fun!! Thank you to Miss Doyle for organising 10@10.

GREEN FLAG

- **The Green Committee** - met with our travel officer Noeleen Doyle on Monday 23rd January for a renewal visit. She was happy with the progress we have made in covering the seven steps of the Green schools programme. So we can now go ahead and apply for our 'Travel Green Flag' by the 24th March. Please look out for a 'Cancel the Car Chart' in your child's school bag next week - younger children may need a hand filling it in. Thank you!

CURRICULUM INFO

- **Literacy lift off** - will begin in the senior infants class on Monday 27th February after the midterm break. We would like to thank the parents who are offering their time to help us to carry out this initiative.

SPORT

- **Lunchtime leagues** - Boys and Girls lunchtime hurling league is currently being held in the arena. Boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th class are participating. The games have been very competitive so far! Many thanks to Mr. Kinsella and Mr. Wright for facilitating these leagues.
- **Practice Match** - The boys hurling team played a practice match against Buffers Alley on Monday 30th January. The team played very well in the miserable conditions. Well done boys!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

- **Readathon** - Thank you to all pupils who participated in the Readathon during the Christmas break. There was a total of €570.40 raised. The winners of the draws were Michael Gregory, Aoibheann Byrne, Emily Farrell, Hannah Browne, Aoibhe Doyle, Danny Doyle & Katie Nolan. All winners received a voucher for Byrnes Bookshop!
- **Shrove Tuesday** - On Tuesday 28th March the Parents association will serve pancakes to all pupils. A donation of €1 per pupil will go to St Gabrielle's Children's ward in Wexford general hospital.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- February mid-term break Mon 20th February - Fri 24th February (School Closed).
- Pancake Tuesday 28th February.
- Thursday 2nd March-Last day of swimming for 1st/2nd and 4th/5th class.
- Friday 3rd March-Dress up for World Book Day.
- Tuesday 14th March-School closed for New Primary Language Curriculum In-service Training.
- Tuesday 4th March-Spelling Bee Competition.
- Friday 17th March St. Patricks Day.
- Saturday 13th May-First Holy Communion. Times are 10am in Rathnure church and 12noon in Templeudigan Church.

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