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Save the date: 26th March -Colman Noctor Talk for parents

Weekly Newsletter 21st March

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26th March 7pm:Colman Noctor Talk for Parents

Monday 31st March 7pm: Incoming Junior Infant Parents' Meeting

Sunday 6th April: First Penance 2nd Class

Thursday 10th April: Confirmation 6th Class

Friday 11th April : Easter holidays

Colman Noctor Talk for parents

Please join us on Wednesday evening for Colman Noctor's Talk for Parents. He is an expert and a popular guest speaker at Parent Events. The P.A. will have tea from 7 pm , with the talk beginning at 7.30 pm. Parking available in the grounds at rear of school and also in the church.

Please see link below for more information on this speaker:

[Colman Noctor - Psychoanalytical Psychotherapy](#)

Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Policy update

We recently surveyed our school community to see how effective our current approach to dealing with bullying is. Surveys were given to pupils, staff and parents. The response rate was high and the feedback is extremely positive. We will share the updated policy before the end of the year. Our Student Council will continue to be involved in the formation of the updated policy. As always, please encourage your child to tell their teacher if they are concerned for themselves or for their friends. We also want to ensure that our pupils learn in a kind environment. We will continue to work as a staff to have a kind school community.

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Bloom

Great news! Our school will be taking part in Bloom this year! Our 4th Class will be creating a postcard garden, working with parents and teachers, which they will present at Bloom. Thanks to Arleen for the help on this. We cannot wait to get the work underway.

4th Class Visit to Knocksink Woods

4th Class visited Knock sink Woods for the day during the week. They visited as part of the biodiversity education workshops. They then completed a project in the education centre based on their trip.

JEP; Junior Entrepreneur Programme

5th Class took part in the J.E.P. competition yesterday. We were joined by 2 Dragon Entrepreneurs and each of the 7 teams presented their proposals. The Dragons were impressed by the interest and enthusiasm that the pupils displayed. The pupils were questioned about cost prices, selling prices, target markets and had to do a lot of thinking on their feet. Well done to the winning team; their idea is a portable games bag. This is a novel and sustainable product and is reasonably priced. The second place went to the team who will be making Loom Bands. The class will now make these products and they will be sold at our JEP fair in the next few weeks. Thank you to Ms Kearney for organising this initiative.

5th Class News

Our neighbour had a milestone Birthday on Wednesday and is now 100! Our 5th Class pupils made their annual visit to her doorstep to sing her Happy Birthday! It was a beautiful Spring day and we were so grateful for the opportunity to meet a centenarian from our community and to bring the joy of a Birthday greeting to her door. Thanks to our Chair, Eugene O'Mara, for organising this.

School Attendance

This is a polite reminder that holidays should not be taken during term time. Each year I submit a return to Tusla regarding our school attendance figures. Pupils missing 20+ days

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are listed on this report. School attendance is vital for childrens' progress and to maintain healthy patterns and friendships. Parents should record reasons for all absences on Aladdin under the correct category.

Please be aware that our teachers do not provide schoolwork for pupils who are going on holidays. Thank you for your support on this .