

09/01/20

Dear Parents

We welcome you all back and wish you a Happy New Year.

Quiztime

Our school have entered teams for the Kilchreest School Quiz which is being held in St. Brigids Vocational school on Wednesday 22nd January – registration at 7.30p.m.

We have also entered teams for Gort Credit Union Quiz on Friday 31st January in Sullivans Hotel Gort. Please be there at 7.30 for registration. Thanks to Michelle Leyden and Bridget O'Neill for their ongoing work preparing the teams. All parents welcome to attend both Quiz nights.

Write a book

Work on our Write a book are in full swing. They need to be ready for submission on Thursday 30th January.

Áitbheo Primary

We are delighted to have members of Burren Beo Trust deliver their place-based education programme (9 sessions) for primary schools to our senior room. Place based education offers a vast array of opportunities for students to learn concepts in geography, history, science, and maths in a hands-on, real-world learning experience.

Peace Proms

Peace Proms Concert will take place in the Kingfisher N.U.I.G. on Sunday 26th January at 1.00p.m. Tickets can be purchased on line – there are still some left. There is a rehearsal at 11.00a.m. so we have booked a bus to bring children in to Galway. Bus will leave the school at 10.00a.m. sharp. Please note children must be collected by parents after concert. There is no transport arranged back to school.

Bus will depart from school at 10.00a.m.

Please ensure your child brings a lunch and drinks

Children must be collected after concert at 3.20p.m.

Dress Code: white polo shirt and dark trousers – no logos

R.S.E. Programme

Growing and Changing/Taking care of my body will begin next week for 6 weeks. All the relevant topics which are age appropriate are available on line on the Relationships and Sexuality Education

<https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/Curriculum-and-Syllabus/Primary-/Resource-Material-for-Relationship-and-Sexuality-Education>

Thank You

A big Thank You to Pat Heffernan for his time and expertise in recording both our Nativity and Carol Service. These videos can be viewed on You Tube. We are so grateful to Pat for preserving these lovely moments for us to have in years to come.

Dancing

Dancing continues with Louise Curran on Wednesdays – cost as follows:-

1 child – €30

2 children – €55

3 children – €70

Creative Writing

On Thursday 23rd January we welcome Denise Blake – a successful poet and writer to the school. She will be doing Creative Writing Workshops with the children.

Weekly Draw

Our first Weekly Draw of 2020 is today. Thanks to the Parents Council for all the great prizes they had for the very successful Monster Draw at Christmas. Anyone wishing to pay in full up to the end of June can do so by sending in €40 to the office or any member of the Parents Council. Please also send in any unused envelopes.

Willow Sculpture

On Thursday next at 3.00p.m. we will be planting a Willow Sculpture with our artist in residence Veronika. We will need a few adults to help with the planting on that day. If you can help for about 20 minutes please let me know.

Headlice

Parents please be vigilant and check you child's hair on a regular basis as there is an outbreak of headlice in the school. Please deal with the situation promptly in order to minimise the spread in the school community.

Yours sincerely,

Edel Leech

Principal