



NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2018

Catholic Schools Week:

Grandparents of the children in First Class have been invited to our annual Grandparents Day. This is part of the Catholic Schools Week Programme.

The theme for this year is 'Catholic Schools: Families of Faith'.

Fr Gerry has arranged a mass on that day at 10.30am for **all** grandparents. Please let them know!

School Website:

There are new videos on our school website, Mrs Brennan's Retirement Concert and Christmas Concert 2017. Thanks to Mr John McCarthy for producing both of these, he did a wonderful job!

Primary Language Curriculum:

Our school will be closed on Tuesday 6th February due to staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum/Curaclam Teanga na Bunscoile.

Lego Quest:

We are trying to build up our stock of Lego and we would be delighted with any donations of Lego that your family no longer use.

Lost Items:

We have a lovely ladies navy Horseware gilet in the school and a pair of adult glasses which were found in the Community Centre after the Christmas concert.

Please give us a call if you have lost either of the above.

BHK Credit Union Quiz

We wish the best of luck to our two quiz teams who will compete this Friday, at 8pm in Blackrock National School.

Team A:

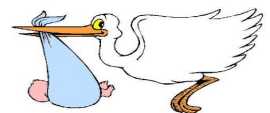
*Aibhilín Scilley
Mai Anh Crawford
Ellie Bourton
Conall Cunningham*

Team B:

*Tom Clarke
Michael Kirby
Oran McMahon
Stephanie Ntemuse*

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Ms. O'Hanrahan on the birth of her son Tom.



After School Activities:

Thank you for your interest in after school music classes. Guitar and piano lessons have now started after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm. These are group lessons taught by Ms. Conlon. Both classes are now full.



Gathering Rushes:

We hope to make St. Brigid's crosses on Monday 29th January. Would anybody out there be able to collect some rushes for us, please?

Our usual supplier is running into difficulties!

Green Schools:

Our Green Schools committee are hard at work promoting the theme for our sixth flag, *Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste*. As a school, we want to maintain our high standards and keep the amount of waste going to landfill at a minimum.

The committee have been conducting spot checks on classroom bins to ensure that each class is making an effort to reduce, reuse and recycle. They have even been inspecting the staff room bin!

Over the coming weeks, each class will work on projects based around the Global Citizenship aspect of our theme. We will investigate landfill, food waste, where our clothes and food come from, global brands, Fair Trade products and the UN Global Goals for sustainable development. We are all global citizens and realise our responsibility to contribute towards effecting a more sustainable world for all.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme:

5th Class are currently working on their Junior Entrepreneur project. They are currently developing five products which they will present to the dragons on Monday 5th February. The dragons will then choose one of these products for the class to move forward with. Excitement is mounting as our 'Meet the Dragons' event approaches!

Musical Instruments:

Thank you to the families who recently donated musical instruments, the children are really enjoying playing them !

Kilkerley Playground Fundraising:

We will be running a "Bake Sale" on Thursday 8th February from 2-3pm in the Community Centre. We are delighted to support the Kilkerley Playground Project as it will be a wonderful amenity for our children.



Stop Motion Projects:

Ms. Condrón has kindly offered to work with 6th class over the next ten weeks on Stop Motion projects – making short, simple, animated clips using photography and stop motion software. We look forward to seeing the finished results. There are some tasters on the school Twitter account!

Football & Basketball:

Lunchtime football training will resume for the boys' and girls' teams in the spring. Ms. Tansey will also begin basketball training for 6th class. We are looking forward to an enjoyable season of sport.

World Meeting of Families:

Fr Gerry and Fr Paddy welcome all parents to the parochial house in Knockbridge on Monday the 9th of February at 8pm. In preparation for the World Meeting of Families this August and the proposed visit of Pope Francis, all Parishes have been asked to look at the document he produced called *The Joy of Love*. It is hoped that parents will come together for one hour to discuss the topic of *The Reality of Family Life Today*. Pope Francis emphasises the huge importance of treating each other with respect, especially when we have different views on things. He says "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed". Whatever its shape, the family is the first place where people experience love, where they learn that they are loved and how to love in return. It would be great to hear your opinion and to have your voice heard.