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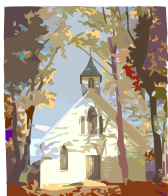
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January 29th—2nd Feb: *Catholic Schools Week.*

Thursday 1st February: Grandparents' Afternoon.



February 5th-9th: Friendship Week.

February 15 & 16th: **School closed for midterm break.**

Thursday 1st March: Confirmation in St. Matthew's Church.

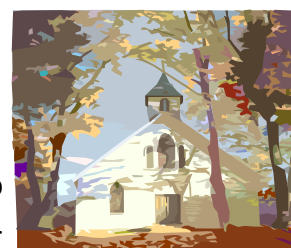
Thursday 8th March: 4th Classes visit Bull Island.

Wednesday March 14th: Open Afternoon for all pupils (especially incoming Early Start, Junior Infants and 3rd class) from 3—4:30pm.

Monday March 19th: School closed for St. Patrick's Day.

First Holy Communion /

Confirmation



Congratulations to the sixth class girls who celebrated their Ceremony of Light on Wednesday 21st February. It was a lovely occasion.

Confirmation will take place on **Thursday 1st March** in St. Matthew's Church. We hope the girls and their families have a very special day. First Holy Communion will take place on **Sunday 27th May**. The children and teachers are busy preparing for the sacrament. However, Fr. Joe McDonald, is still waiting for some baptismal cer-

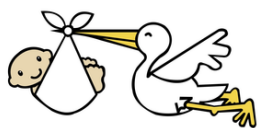
Places for Junior Infants / Early Start 2018

Our school is in the fortunate position of having an Early Start unit located on our campus. Places for the Early Start morning and afternoon groups beginning September 2018 have been allocated and both sessions are now full. A waiting list is in operation.

Junior Infant places are filling up quickly. If you know anyone with a child who will be four before 1st September, tell them to apply as soon as possible in order to ensure a place. All application forms are available from the secretaries' office.

An Open Afternoon will be held on **Wednesday 14th March from**

Good News



Congratulations to Ms. Joelle Hendrick and her husband Barry on the recent birth of their daughter Elizabeth. Congratulations to Ms. Patricia Donegan and her husband Keith on the recent birth of their son George. Heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Maria Loftus and her husband Shay on the safe arrival of her son Cillian. Congratulations to Ms. Ciara O' Flynn & her husband John on the birth of their daughter Cassidy. A sincere welcome to Ms. Fiona McNally &

Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools Week ran from 29th January to 2nd February. As part of the celebration *Grandparents' Afternoon* took place on **Thursday 1st February**. Thanks to all the grandparents, who came to visit their grandchildren's class-



Contact Numbers

Please notify your child's teacher of any changes in mobile contact numbers, address, etc. so we have an up-to-date number in the event of an emergency /illness in school. This has been a particular problem recently as some people seem to have got new phones or new phone numbers for Christmas. Do you

Thank You

Thanks to parents & the wider school community for supporting our recent Christmas raffle run during the school musical. A fantastic €2030 was raised, which is a big help to our school and helped

Headlice Tip—place a drop of tea-tree oil behind your child's ear coming to school to deter headlice! Please check your child's hair regularly and treat

Parents' Association

The PA committee had their AGM on the 5th December 2017. Denise Skelly was elected as Chairperson, Emma Fitzsimons as Secretary, Sarah Fitzsimons as Vice Secretary and Rita Creighton as Treasurer. During the school year 2016/2017, the PA committee helped in various school activities such as Food Dudes, Maths for Fun, the Christmas Fair, the 6th class graduation ceremony, the D10 Science Fair, homework club (in collaboration with school completion) and the book fair. The PA committee also reviewed and ratified the following school policies: History & SESE, Enrolment Policy (early start), Equality of Opportunity and Gender Equity policy, Relationship and Sexuality Education policy, Code of Behaviour and Guidelines for Using and Reducing Restrictive Physical Intervention. They organised three fundraising events throughout the year; these included *Mad-hair Day*, Christmas cards, and the book fair. The PA would like to say thanks to those who supported all their fundraising activities.

The committee is always on the lookout for new members to partake in any way possible. *We*



meet in the Parent's Room roughly 7

Trip to the National Art Gallery



Winnie Lawrence, one of our third class pupils had her portrait taken in her communion dress last June and the photographer entered it in the Hennessy National Portrait Awards and it was on display in the National Art Gallery recently. Winnie and her classmates along with their teacher, Ms. Brennan, visited and were delighted with their visit. Here Winnie shares her memoirs: " I went to the National Art Gallery on the 30th of January. I sat beside Holly on the bus. I saw Trinity College - it is very big! Valerie was our tour guide. We put our coats and bags in a locker. I saw

Child Protection Issues

In light of recent changes to child protection procedures nationally, the school is reviewing its current practices. In order to ensure the safety of your child in school, we would ask all parents to please be vigilant and to cooperate with school procedures. If for any reason you need to collect your child from school early, please write a note in your child's journal to inform his/her teacher of the arrangement and your child will be sent to the reception area for collection by you. If something arises unexpectedly, please come to the main office and wait in the foyer and the secretary will assist you. If for any reason you are delayed collecting your child at home-time, your child will be brought to the main office and you can collect them from there. Children love to be independent from an early

Speech & Language

There are posters displayed around the school giving information on children's speech and language development at different ages. It may be interesting to check your child's mile-



Pupils of the Month / Reading Award

Congratulations to the pupils of the month for January, who received this award for a variety of reasons. Likewise congratulations to the excellent readers, who are making great strides and received a special certificate at the January assembly. Well done also to



Junior Entrepreneur Programme



6th class, Room 21, is participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. We are going to be selling Global Animal snow-globes and t-shirts with endangered animals on them. A

percentage of our profit will go to WWF to help these animals. As a part of this project we had a business visitor in our classroom on Friday 9th of February. Mr. Gary Creighton came to talk about his business, Dublin Flexible Packaging, and he gave us some tips on our product. He also showed us some videos of the machines making the foil bags,

