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January Newsletter

Parking

It has again been brought to my attention by parents, staff and local residents that people are parking illegally outside the school gates and at the rear of the school in the mornings and afternoons. There is a very clearly marked yellow junction box at the school entrance where no cars are permitted to park at any time. We have over 300 people entering and exiting the school at drop off and collection time. It is therefore essential for the safe movement of all our patrons into the school that this zone is kept clear. Bear in mind that we have children as young as four and five walking into the school at this time. The local Gardaí have been informed of the issue and have told us they will be monitoring it.

School Self-Evaluation

It was decided as part of the School Self-Evaluation Plan to target the area of Problem Solving in maths using the RUCES acronym (1. Read, 2. Underline, 3. Decide on a Strategy, 4. Estimate, 5. Solve). Clear boards and notebooks were purchased to assist in this. These were funded using part of the €1000 won by Conor Blake in the recent Parkway Shopping Centre competition. We will teach 5 strategies per year. One day per week will be devoted to Problem Solving. Our targets will include 1) Increasing motivation and improving attitudes towards maths and 2) Increasing problem solving success rate by 3%.

Hurling and Basketball Training

Hurling and basketball training will be recommencing in the school next month. We will be entering an u11 and u13 hurling team for boys in 3rd- 6th class generally. Our 6th class boys will be entering the Basketball Limerick league also.

Peter Nash, Games Development Officer with the Limerick County Board will be coaching 3rd – 6th class as part of their PE for the next 4 weeks to start the season. He completed a four week block in seniors, first and second class before the Christmas holidays.

At a very discounted rate of €35, we will be able to source hurling helmets through the Cumann na mBunscol. If you or your child would be interested in buying one, will you please let us know immediately.

Christmas

Sincere thanks to Mrs O'Meara and Miss O'Grady for putting in such a great effort into the Junior and Senior Infant Plays. The boys were an absolute credit to you and it is appreciated by everyone. We made €260 from the raffle on the day. Proceeds from the raffle allowed us to purchase an engineering kit which will assist pupils in developing valuable engineering skills.

Book Fair

Mr Ryan has just ordered €2000 worth of books from the commission earned from the Scholastic Book Fair before Christmas. Again, many thanks to all of you who contributed. We look forward to receiving our new library of books. Many thanks for all those who contributed to the raffle which earned almost €200. This will go towards the purchase of maths games for the pupils.

Attendance

All of the 35 boys who had full attendance in the first term were presented with certificates at last week's assembly. Maith Thú!! Again a reminder that if you are absent, please provide a written note of explanation to your son's teacher on return. There is no need to ring the school, unless it is a prolonged absence.

Board of Management

The Board of Management would like to express a sincere word of gratitude to Jack Sheehan who has recently retired from the Board of Management of the school. Jack has served the board for over 4 decades and has occupied almost every office. He was treasurer for a long number of years and being an accountant ensured prudent use of finances at all times. He became Chairperson on the 4th of October 1999 and remained in that position for over 12 years. We wish him all the best and thank him most sincerely for his dedicated service.

Catholic Schools' Week and Grandparents Day

Many thanks to all of the Grandparents and family members of pupils in Junior Infants to Second class who attended Grandparents' Day in the school yesterday. It was a really special occasion and one that the children really enjoyed. The theme of Catholic Schools' week this year is Catholic Schools: Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools. Many thanks to the four class teachers for preparing the pupils and to all of the pupils who contributed to the ceremony.

Sincerely

Anthony Liddane,

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