



From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope the Christmas break proved enjoyable and restful in all the busy-ness. We have been planning some fantastic events for all the pupils especially for Science Week. Junior Einstein's Science Show will take place on Tuesday 30th of January and a special whole school trip to W5 on Thursday the 1st of February is planned. Please mark this day in your diaries as a day where children will be coming in to school early at 8.20 and be collected at 4.15/4.30 to enable us to have enough time to travel to Belfast. We will send a detailed note closer to the date. Also my thanks to the PTA for the wonderful Christmas Fair which raised over €3500, their diligent fundraising is enriching the education of pupils, helping to fund ICT equipment and French teaching for 5th and 6th this term, with a few more projects in the pipeline as well. I am also emailing to you our new Assessment Policy and looking for your views on homework as we always endeavour to improve the quality of teaching and learning in the school.

Míle buíochas , Ms McCullen

Agreed Statement from the Board of Management 28th November 2017

The Board of Management

will ensure all teachers have retrospective vetting in place

co-fund new laptops with the PTA, €1840 from the PTA and €5000 from the Board

will use a donation from the Cairnes Trust to fund a trip to W5 in Belfast

will fill the position of Assistant Principal 2, a vacancy created due to changes in leadership and management structures in a circular from the Dept. of Education



W5 Thursday 1st Feb Trip:

Award Winning Science & Discovery Centre.

250 amazing interactive exhibits in four incredible exhibition areas, W5 provides a unique experience as well as fantastic fun for visitors of all ages. All our pupils will also have the chance to engage in an age appropriate workshop.



We would love to hear parents' views on homework. Click on the web-link sent by email to tell us what you think....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY TERM 2 AND 3



Fri 12th Jan SWIMMING Classes begin and run for 10 weeks for 1st/2nd, 3rd / 4th

(Please ensure your child has all they need)

Wed 17th Jan Chess club resumes

Mon 22nd Jan Science Club resumes and runs for 6 weeks

Tues 30th Jan PTA Committee Meeting 8pm

Tues 13th Feb 5th/6th Class Charity Bake Sale in the School Hall

Parents welcome between 9.10 and 9.30 before the Bake Sale opens to the other classes

Wed 14th Feb Lent begins, 5th /6th will go to Lenten Lunches in the Parish Rooms

School Closed

Mid-term Break School Closed for 2 days: Thurs and Fri: 15th and 16th of February

Mon 19th March for St. Patrick' Day

Easter Holidays

School closes on Friday 23rd of March at 12.30 and re-opens on Monday 9th April

Thursday 19th April for Teacher In-service Training on the New Language Curriculum

May Break

School closes on Friday 4th May at 2pm and 3pm and re-opens on Monday 14th May

June Bank holiday Mon 4th June

End of School Year Fri 29th June, school closes at 12.30