

# St. Enda's National School

Dear Parents,

I would like to draw your attention to the following:

## Attendance

Well done to all on attendance: September: 96.1%. Attendance at school on a regular basis is very important. The class roll call is at 10.10am everyday. If your child has been absent from school, please send in a note to the class teacher explaining your child's absence. The school staff and Board of Management encourage all parents to be mindful of pupils missing days or leaving school early. If a pupil is absent for 20 days or more their name is automatically sent to the National Education Welfare Board who may investigate the matter. This is an automatic process we are compelled to do by law.

## Sign in/Sign out book

Parents/Guardians who bring pupils to the school or take pupils from the school outside of the set school times are asked to make note of this in the Sign in/Sign out folder which is located inside the main entrance. Please enter the school through the main entrance and come to the classroom door when dropping off or collecting your child outside of the set school times.

## Late arrivals in the morning

If your child arrives late for school in the morning **please do not use the infant door as this will be closed at 9.10a.m.** Please come to the main entrance with your child and sign him/her in. **For safety of your child/ren please accompany your child to the door.**

## Indemnity

Please note should you wish for your child/children to attend/travel to a specific event with another person other than you the parent/s during school time an Indemnity form must be filled in prior to the event, indicating whom you wish for your child/ren to attend/travel with and take responsibility for your child/ren. For example this applies to any other non supervised school event during school hours e.g. serving mass, sporting events etc.

This form can be obtained from the office or on the school website:

<http://www.lisdoonvarnans.ie/school-indemnity-form/>

## Swimming cheque refund

Parents please note all refunds for swimming lessons missed will be made by cheque at the end of the swimming term, we would like to encourage parents to cash cheques swiftly and remind you that cheques will expire after 6 months.

## Pupil Update Information

A pupil update sheet was sent home with your child. We would like to verify that all student contact information we hold is correct. If any information has changed please update the sheet and return it to school by Monday, 14th October.

## Events & Activities

### Fundraising Bucket Collection

We would like to acknowledge and thank families who volunteered and gave generously of their time to collect for our school. Thanks to your efforts a massive €2521.17 was raised which will greatly benefit the pupils of our school.

### Cross Country

The North Clare National Schools Cross Country has been rescheduled due to a bereavement in Kilnaboy. It is refixed for Thursday 17th Oct. Swimming has been rescheduled to tomorrow to facilitate same.

### Swimming

Mr. Malones & Ms Canavans classroom children have 3 swimming lesson remaining and are making great progress. Ms. Carkil & Ms Colfers classroom children will begin their swimming lessons on Thursday, November 7th.

### Futsal Soccer

Children from 3rd and 4th class enjoyed a soccer blitz on Monday. Many thanks to all who organised this event.



## **Áitbeo**

Children in 5th & 6th Class are participating in a programme called Áitbeo, developed and delivered by Burrenbeo Trust. The Áitbheo programme aims to increase awareness and foster appreciation of the wealth of natural and cultural heritage in one's place, with the school serving as a starting-point for investigating the local area. It offers a hands-on and fun learning experience, as well as encouraging independent research and debate, and developing key aspects of the literacy, numeracy, science, history and geography curricula. On completion, the students graduate as certified Young Place Heroes, with a bank of knowledge and enthusiasm that they will carry with them for years to come.

## **Writer and Producer Ann Daltons visit to our school!**

To celebrate the Children's Book Festival, Ann Dalton—writer and producer visited the children from 1st—3rd class today. Her audio/drama workshop tailored her discussion and activities around writing, drama, sound effects and voice recording. We would like to thank Clare Libraries for providing such a fantastic opportunity for the pupils!

## **Parish News**

### **First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion takes place for the children in 2nd class on Sunday, 10th May in Lisdoonvarna Church. A meeting will take place tomorrow evening (Thursday 10th Oct) in Lisdoonvarna Church, for the parents of the First Holy Communion children, beginning with Mass at 7pm.

## **Upcoming School Events & Activities**

### **Christmas Cards**

Children are currently preparing their artwork for print! You will be able to order their unique Christmas cards over the coming weeks. Further details to follow.

### **Burren Smokehouse Art Competition**

Children will be participating in an art competition themed 'Fionn Mac Cumhaill and the story of the Salmon of Knowledge'. Children can be as creative as they wish! There will be four categories: J1 & S1 Infants, 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th & 5th & 6th. Closing date for receipt of entries will be Friday 18th October.

### **Mary Immaculate Secondary School Open Day**

We have been advised the open day for the current sixth class will take place on Wednesday, 23rd October at 4pm for the children and parents.

### **Halloween fancy dress & Mid-term Break**

The school will close for mid-term break on Friday, October 25th at 2.55p.m. The pupils may come to school dressed in a costume for Halloween. The school will re-open on Monday, November 4th.

Yours sincerely,

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M.J. Malone  
Principal