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February Update

St. Enda's National School

Dear Parents,
I would like to update you on the following:

Assisted Learning Class:

We are delighted to inform you we have been chosen to set up an assisted learning class in our school. The purpose of this class is to support children with autism to access the curriculum and maximise their potential for learning and personal development. Please see details overleaf for further details on the Board of Management agreed report.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Appointment times have been sent home and more arranged with parents. If the date or time sent home does not suit please contact the office or class teacher to reschedule.

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.

Enrolment:

Enrolment for our school, for the 2020-2021 school year is currently taking place. Enrolment application forms will be distributed to siblings in school and through the local crèches. If you know of anyone who may wish to enrol, please ask them to contact the school directly.

School Website:

We are currently updating our school website. Our website is an important link in communicating to the wider school community and we hope you find it helpful. On our website you will find current newsletters, school calendar, school policies, links to Athletics and AR along with updates to keep you informed of events and activities in the life of our school! Our website has links to many useful resources and learning links which we hope you find helpful. We are still in the process of adding some new material so please check back regularly for updates! Our school website address is www.lisdoonvarnans.ie

Super Trooper Journals:

The pupils in our school are working hard on becoming more active. In a bid to be more active we will be participating in the Super Troopers Active Journal Programme through home and school once again this year. This programme will begin on Monday next 10th February. We would like to encourage parents to help children complete their journal nightly and also to encourage healthy eating and healthy lunches. By working together we hope to bring an awareness to the children on fitness and healthy eating.

Basketball:

Children in 5th & 6th will take part in the Marion Keane Basketball Tournament. This will take place for boys on Tuesday, 11th February and for girls on Thursday, 13th February. Best of luck to all involved!

Mid-term:

The school will be closed for mid-term on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February.

Please turn over

Safer Internet Day—11th February 2020:

To celebrate the many positives of the internet and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today we will be focusing on many topics and lessons relating to internet safety over the coming days. We invited local Garda Yvonne to visit the school to highlight the importance of internet safety to the children. We hope this will provide a good opportunity for you to chat with your child/ren on the importance of internet safety and safe use of the internet.

Mary Immaculate Production of ‘All Shook Up’:

Children from 4th to 6th class will visit Pavilion on Wednesday, 12th February for the transition year production of ‘All Shook Up’. Details have been sent home to families. Please return consent forms by Thursday, 6th February.

Recent Events

Sherlock & Cinders:

Well done once again to everyone on the wonderful production of Sherlock and Cinders at the Pavilion. The performance was outstanding. Thank you to all parents, families, wider community and local businesses for supporting this night and for sponsoring the many prizes for the raffle. A huge sum of €2990.92 was raised. This money will be used to pay for the 3 new projectors installed in the school yesterday which cost €2940. We are most grateful and thank you once again.

Credit Union Quiz:

The Annual Credit Union Quiz took place in Ennistymon on Saturday, February 1st. Two teams represented the school at this event. Well done to all children.

Harry Potter Triwizard Event!

5th & 6th class thoroughly enjoyed a Harry Potter event at our school organised by Clare County Libraries. Children were sorted into themed ‘houses’ for a Harry Potter quiz! We would like to thank Clare County Library and Emer in the Lisdoonvarna branch for organising this event!

Community Games Success:

Well done to everyone who participated in the Community Games competitions. Congratulations to the many winners in our school in the handwriting and art competitions! Many have progressed onto the next level and we would like to wish them the best of luck.

Thanking you for your continued co-operation,

M.J. Malone
Principal

St. Enda’s National School Board of Management

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04th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Our school has received an invitation from by the Department of Education and Skills to inaugurate an Assisted Learning Class to support children diagnosed with Autism at St. Enda’s National School. The school will be assigned an additional teacher and two Class Assistants to facilitate this class. It is intended for this class to commence enrolment for the 2020/21 academic year.

In addition, communication is on-going with the Department regarding the further enhancement of building facilities at the school. An information evening has been scheduled for all parents on Wednesday 4th of March at 3.15 in the school hall. If you have any queries regarding the new class please do not hesitate to contact the Principal, Mr. Malone.

Kind regards,

Ann Harrington
Chairperson Board of Management