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Internet Safety

Internet Safety is important to us. We encourage parents to check out and engage with the resources at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/> on a frequent basis. New challenges with regard to internet safety often emerge. Regular open conversations with children about how to best stay safe online are seen as laying a good foundation for dealing with such challenges. Ongoing vigilance and monitoring, together with restricting internet connected devices to age-appropriate content, are also advised.

To supplement the school's work on internet safety, sessions/workshops with guest facilitators are planned again this year for our pupils in the middle and senior classes. Additionally, a parent talk, facilitated by an external speaker (night-time) is planned for Thursday 2nd May in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend this important talk. Further details to follow.

Catholic Schools / Visual Arts

The Catholic Primary Schools Management Association (CPSMA) has invited schools to take part in a national art competition with the theme, *Celebrating Local Catholic Schools*. What is being looked for is the child's interpretation of the theme through his/her art. (The text of the theme does not have to be illustrated in the artwork.) Entries must be submitted on A3 paper and should be returned to the school (class teacher) no later than Monday 11th March. All children are welcome to enter. If your child would like to submit an entry, further details (including application form) are available from the school on request.

On a related note, the boys and girls have reason to be proud of their fine artwork e.g. pictures, 3-D models and pottery, all of which is regularly on display throughout the school. Well done!

Ceremony of Light & First Penance

Pupils in sixth class continue their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, with the Ceremony of Light scheduled for 7:30pm on Sunday 10th March. Pupils in second class are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance at 7pm on Tuesday 5th March. These ceremonies will take place at parish level in the Church of St. Thérèse.

Seachtain na Gaeilge – week commencing Monday 11th March

Céilí na bPáistí:

Beidh Céilí na bPáistí againn i gclós na scoile - Déardaoin 14ú Márta, 11.00 r.n. le cúnamh Dé - má bhíonn an lá tirim. As part of our *Seachtain na Gaeilge* activities, we plan on having our popular 'Céilí na bPáistí' in the school yard - weather permitting - at 11a.m. on Thursday 14th March. Parents are welcome to attend but please note that *as this is an outdoor event, the plan is open to change at short notice (depending on the weather and/or any unforeseen circumstances)*. As always, we appreciate your understanding in this regard. Closer to the time, please keep an eye on the website and on your emails/texts etc. Further information to follow.

Ceol sa bhForhalla:

Seachtain na Gaeilge is an ideal time to highlight, enjoy and nurture the wealth of musical talent – specifically instrumental music - in our school. Our annual 'Ceol sa bhForhalla' (Ceol sa 'Foyer') will take place each morning from Monday to Thursday of Seachtain na Gaeilge (starting shortly after the school opens at 8:40am each day). It's a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls from first to sixth class to share their musical talents (*instrumental* music) with their peers, parents and school community in a relaxed, informal and supportive environment. Further information to follow.

Science/STEM

Our heightened focus on science continues. Parents may like to check out www.engineersweek.ie/2019-events/ where you will find information about forthcoming activities that spark enthusiasm about Engineering, Technology, Maths and Science generally.

We thank all those who support the school in our various initiatives.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Anne English – Príomhoide