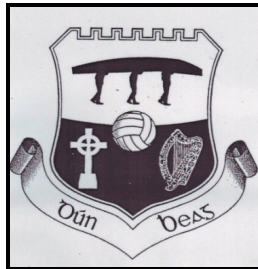


Doonbeg National School



Doonbeg,

Co. Clare.

19th November 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Informal meetings will be taking place this Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd November, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. each day. Members of staff will be available to discuss any questions about your child's progress. The annual parent / teacher meetings will take place in February.

Halloween Hobble/Fancy Dress

The sum of €79 was raised on the day and all funds will be going towards the Little Ark Unit, in University Hospital Limerick.

Willie Keane Art Competition

Congratulations to Laura Budzyn and Stephanie Mc Inerney who were prize winners in the Willie Keane Art Competition. Well done to all the other children who submitted entries. They were all a very high standard.

Christmas Carol Service

The children have been invited to sing Christmas carols as part of the annual Trump International Christmas Market. This will take place on Sunday, 2nd December 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All children from 1st to 6th class are to attend on the day. Children are to wear Santa hats if possible. Parents are welcome to join us on the day.

Ritual Ceremonies

Ritual Ceremonies for the Sacrament of Confirmation took place before the Halloween break. The ritual for children preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion took place at the weekend.

Parish Christmas Disco

The Parish Christmas Disco takes place in Doonbeg Hall on Friday, 14th December 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will take place in Doonbeg Hall on Wednesday, 19th December 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Children from Junior Infants to 1st Class will perform 'Don't forget the Manger'. The children from 2nd to 6th class will perform their play, 'The Mystery at Magpie Manor'.

Science Week 2018

Science Week 2018 took place in the school last week. The highlight of the week was when the children got to meet Volty the programmable robot.

School Website

Please log on to our school website to view our new pictures in the Gallery section.

Hurling Coaching

Mick and Mary our two coaches have joined us again this year. All children from Junior Infants to 6th Class are enjoying learning the skills of hurling.

MS Readathon

The Readathon for MS Ireland took place from 12th October to 12th November 2018. Well done to all the children who took part in the initiative.

Christmas Cards for Schools

Christmas Cards for Schools is a fundraising initiative for schools and each child in the school designed their own personal Christmas cards, which are then printed by a publishing company. We have received the children's cards at this point. The closing date for orders is this Wednesday.

Music Generation Programme

Katie Fitzpatrick is the children's tutor for the musical programme. She visits the school every Wednesday and the children are making great progress with their musical composition.

Absence Records

The school must report all absences to TUSLA (The Child and Family Agency), if your child has missed 20 days. It must also report concerns regarding children's absences. If your child is absent for any reason, please **complete** and return the absence notes.

School Policies

The following policies are currently being reviewed:

Gaeilge, S.P.H.E. Relationship & Sexuality Education, Health and Safety Statement

Copies are available from the office and any feedback is appreciated.

Peace Proms 2019

The Peace Proms concert will take place on Sunday, 3rd March 2019. A work shop will take place in U.L. Limerick on Wednesday, 6th February 2019. Children from 2nd to 6th will be travelling by bus to the event.

School Uniform

Reminder: Full school uniform which includes the tie, **must** be worn from Monday to Thursday. P.E. day is on Fridays, unless otherwise specified. P.E. tracksuit consists of a white polo shirt and black and white tracksuit.

School Self Evaluation

This school year we will be focusing on the area of Science, as part of our school improvement plan.

Clothes Recycling Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the clothes collection. The sum of €118 was raised towards school funds.

Staff Training

Staff have attended the following courses over the last few weeks:

- Grow in Love - Religious Education Programme
- Elklan - Speech and Language Assessment
- Special Educational Needs
- Stay Safe Programme

Parents Association

We appreciate the support we receive from parents regarding school events and fund raising every year. In general, a number of informal sub committees are established. However, if parents would like to establish a more formal Parents Association, please contact the school office for more information.

Danlann an Chláir – ‘Elfie Saves Christmas’

Junior Infants to 1st class will be visiting Danlann an Chláir on **Thursday, 6th December 2018** to see a production of ‘*Elfie Saves Christmas*’. They will travel to and from Ennis by bus. Further details to follow.

Yours faithfully,

Neil Crowley

Neil Crowley - Principal