

# Scoil an Linbh Íosa - Newsletter (Jan 2009)

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Now that we are settled back to school again, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

## **1. Punctuality**

It is important that children are in time for school. It is understandable that anyone can occasionally be delayed, but, it is not good practise for children to be consistently late, nor is it acceptable. It is upsetting for them when their attention is drawn to it.

## **2. Attendance**

It is a requirement from the National Education Welfare Board that we inform them if, and when, any child is absent for 20 or more days. Should your child miss a day from school please inform the class teacher giving a reason for absence. Our attendance record overall is excellent and we want to maintain this, as, it is widely recognized that there is a strong correlation between achievement and attendance.

## **Free Book Grant**

The free book grant from the Department of Education and Science has been withdrawn. This means that, in future, we will not be able to offer the same level of support to families as in previous years. For this reason, I would recommend that you avail of the savings scheme organized by the PTA, as there will be the usual demands at the end of the school year, not only for books, uniforms, sundries, etc, but also school tours. We will do our best to minimize costs but I am sure you will agree that it is in everyone's best interest to plan ahead and to make use of the support that is available.

On the first Friday of every month, the PTA collect your contribution at the main entrance of the school and issue receipts. The money is then recorded and lodged into the Credit Union. At the end of the school year, all money saved is given back to all those who participated in the scheme. The next lodgement date is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **ENROLMENT**

Enrolment forms are now available for September for Junior Infants. They can be collected from the office from Monday Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. Closing date is 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This was a huge success. Thank you to all

- The staff and pupils for your hard work
- The PTA for your time and financial support
- McCarthys and Cassidys for the stage
- Parents of those who supported on the night.
- All those who sponsored prizes

A DVD will be available through the school. The children in the classes involved will be given details of the price, availability etc. DVDs must be ordered and paid for in advance.

## School Accounts

Thank you to all those who have now made contact with the school re accounts. There are still a significant number who have still to make contact. It is expected that everybody gets in touch with the office or the Principal to discuss their particular situation. Regardless of circumstances, I am sure there is a way to help. We would like to get this school year's accounts sorted as soon as possible, as we are already thinking of what we can improve on for next year.

## Catholic School Week Jan 26<sup>th</sup>-Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Catholic Schools week begins on Monday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Schools and parishes are encouraged to avail of this week to celebrate the life of the school as part of the 'Mission of the Church.' Here in the school the pupils, with their teachers, will be exploring what it means to be a Catholic School. We suggest that you follow up with this work at home and talk to your child about school and church.

## Fundraising

Scoil an Linbh Iosa would like to thank the local community and the North Kildare Hunt for their support on Sunday last. The hunt donated E1,508 to the Special Classes for children with autism. We greatly appreciate the support.

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

*February 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues)- Staff Meeting (school closed 12 pm)*  
*February 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Mid-term break (school reopens Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February)*

**Mary Kavanagh,**  
**Principal.**



