

Scoil an Linbh Íosa News (Oct 2008)

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Green Home Programme

We are very pleased to announce that we are one of only 41 schools in the country invited to go forward for an unprecedented 5th Green Flag. To date, our flags have been awarded for waste management ,energy, water and transport. This year, through An Taisce's **Green Home** initiative, the project aims to extend the '**Green Message**' beyond the school and into the wider community.

Our first assignment, on the way to achieving the '**Green Home Award**', is to get families in our school community to log onto **www.greenhome.ie** and to participate in the Green Home Project. When doing this, it is important that you register as a member of the '**Prosperous Group.**' You will then be asked to complete a very straight forward householder survey.

If you do not wish to go on line, you can get a survey form from the school and send it freepost to An Taisce.

On completion of the survey, you will receive a wealth of advice and support from An Taisce which can dramatically reduce your household bills and, at the same time, help lessen the negative impact we all have on the environment. (You can also enter competitions for some fabulous prizes)

The school will receive credit towards the award by helping to build awareness in the community.

The children in the school have been fantastic over the last number of years and we truly are a Green School. Now it is your turn to both support them and the environment.

Go on www.greenhome.ie or complete the form through the school.

Note: Surveys must be completed by Thurs. 23rd October.

Operation Christmas Child

For the past number of years children in the school have taken part in '**Operation Christmas Child**' For those of you who are unfamiliar with this initiative, the children are asked to select a child from a particular age group e.g. Boy/girl (2-4 yrs) (5-9yrs) (10-14yrs) and to put together a Christmas gift box. This box should be no larger than a standard shoe box and should contain items such as toothbrush/ toothpaste/ gloves/ hat / small ball etc. The boxes are then collected and sent to poverty stricken countries throughout the world.

This year, with your co-operation, we hope to ask children from 1st to 6th to put together some boxes. As in previous years, brothers and sisters can work together on 1 family box. Pupils with no siblings in the school can either fill a box on their own or team up with another pupil.

In the infant classes, the children with no older brothers or sisters might like to bring in some items that the teacher will put into a class box.

As in previous years, class time will be given to this initiative.

Friday 17th Oct. / Tuesday 21st Oct. / Tuesday 4th Nov.

It is hoped that the midterm will be seen as an ideal time to purchase gifts and we hope that all boxes will be ready on **Tuesday 4th**.

There is no obligation on any family to take part but we feel that this is a very worthwhile cause. It is important that our pupils learn to give as well as to receive.

Parent/Teachers Association

Collette Garry	Chairperson
Lynn Walsh	Vice-Chairperson
Patricia Cosgrove	Secretary
Mary Waters	Vice Secretary
Pauline Beck	Treasurer
Bridget Loftus	Vice Treasurer
Melaine O'Sullivan	Pro
Ann Carmody	Swimming Co-ordinator
Adrienne Kelly	Book Club Savings
Fi Latham	B.O.M
Ger Colleran	B.O.M.
Mary O'Shea	Teacher Rep.
Aleisha Sworda	Teacher Rep.
Lorraine Keane	Deirdre Molloy
Geraldine Nolan	Kathleen Scully
Derbhile Doyle	Denise Hayes
Caroline McCarthy	Marie Murray
Rosarii Mc Kennedy	Michelle Davitt
Michelle Davitt	Ber Coulter
Mairead Harmon	

Book Savings Club

The P.T.A. run many services throughout the year, one of which is the Book Savings Club. We find this to be very beneficial to parents as there tends to be many expenses at the end of the school year (books, sundries, uniform etc..)

On the first Friday of every month, we will 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.

We would like to welcome all our new parents to the scheme and look forward to seeing all our dedicated savers.

(Savings Club Committee)

Dates

Nov. 7 th	Dec. 5 th	Jan 9 th	Feb 6 th
Mar.6 th	April 3 rd (early because of Easter)		
May 8 th	June 5 th		

Times : 9am-9:20 13:45-14:00 14:45-15:00

National Parents Council (NPC)

The N.P.C. invite you to a **Workshop/ Information Evening** on 'Parent Associations'.

Cost €15 for affiliated members and €10 for non affiliated members.

Mon 17th Nov. Kildare Ed Centre 7pm - 9:30pm

Tel (045) 530222

Wed. 19th Nov. Tallaght 7pm-9:30pm

Tel (01) 452 8000

Contact Mary O'Shea (Teacher) for further details and application form.

Office Sundries now over due

Basketball

This year the senior pupils are taking part in the Cumann na mBunscoil Basketball league.

As with all our after school matches, your support with lifts is both needed and greatly appreciated.

If you have any concerns about your child travelling with other parents/ guardians please make alternative arrangements.

Reminder: As always those giving lifts do so on their own car insurance.

It should also be noted that two members of staff will be present at all matches.

Matches will begin after the midterm and children will be given adequate notice.

Calendar Reminders/Updates

Oct 22nd - Witch & Wizard Walk

Oct 24th - Cake Sale

Oct 27th-Oct 31st - Mid-Term Break

Nov 4th - Booster Injection (Jnr.Inf)

Nov 11th-Staff Meeting (close 12 noon)

Nov 17th - School Photographer (all)

Nov 25th - Parent/teacher meetings

Nov 29th - Enrolment Ceremony 7.30p.m. Mass

**Note 17th May - First Communion 10.30 am
12.20 pm**

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Re: Green Home Programme, Please return form below if you wish to receive a survey form from the school.

Parents Name:.....



