

# Scoil an Linbh Íosa News (Jan. 2010)

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## Grandparents' Day

Grandparents play a significant role in the lives of the children in our school and we would like to mark this during Catholic Schools Week, which begins, at the end of this month. The theme for this week is, 'Catholic Schools- A Light for every Generation.'

As a Catholic school we are challenged to bring the Light of Christ to the world and to let it shine through in all we do. To do this we need the support of the wider community and grandparents, in particular, play a large part in spreading the gospel.

**Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**, has been designated as Grandparents' Day and, we are inviting grandparents into the school hall for a prayer service, on that morning, at **11:00am**. (This is also Saint Blaise's Day and we may be able to include the blessing of the throats in the ceremony).

We are however conscious that some grandparents are no longer with us, while others will not be able to come into the school on the day. To ensure that all children feel included, a box will be placed in the school foyer a few days before the service and, any child who wishes to, can write a special prayer/ poem/ thought/ about their grandparent(s),( or draw a picture) and place it in the box. These thoughts will then be brought up during the service.

After the service, the PTA are organising refreshments in the staffroom. Grandparents might also like to see the school and to visit the children in the classrooms.

To ensure that we have enough chairs/ refreshments, please let us know if your child's grandparents will be attending on the day. Please let class teacher know by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of February.

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank all grandparents for their continued support, in particular with our fundraising activities.**

*Note: Unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate parents on the day – grandparents only.*

## Entering the Building

In the mornings, all infant classes will now enter the school through the main door.

Mr. Scanlon's class will wait for their teacher in the school library.

## Enrolments for September 2010

Enrolment forms will be available in the school office from **January 26<sup>th</sup>**.

The closing date for receipt of completed enrolment forms is **February 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## Goodbye

Scoil an Linbh Iosa is a close community of adults and children working together on a daily basis. We are therefore, always sorry to say goodbye to any member of our school community.

This is especially true at the moment as we say goodbye to three members of our SNA staff. Gerry finished his time with us at Christmas and Gemma and Adrienne will leave at the end of the month.

Their dedication and contribution to the school and above all their friendship has meant that they will be greatly missed by both adults and children.

## Confirmation

At the Confirmation meeting in October it was agreed that all families would make a contribution to the Confirmation booklets.

However, a parent, who wishes to remain anonymous, has kindly sponsored the booklets.

We greatly appreciate this very generous donation.

## Retreat

**Curryhills - The retreat will take place in in The Foclaire Centre.**

<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>Ms. Gilbert's Class</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Ms. O'Shea and Ms. McCarthy</b>

### CALENDAR REMINDERS:

Feb. 9 <sup>th</sup>	school closed 12 noon	Staff Meeting
Feb 12 <sup>th</sup>		Cake Sale
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>		School closed

## Accounts

We are updating our accounts at the moment and notice that some accounts are not up to date. Please call to the office or make an appointment to see the Principal who will make every effort to support anybody with difficulties re payment.

## Library

All of the books in the library have been electrically tagged and, as in a public library, it will now be possible to scan the books in and out.

As well as the obvious advantages of keeping track of the library books it will also be possible to keep a detailed record of all the books borrowed (and hopefully read) by the pupils.

## Reading

### New Year's Resolution

We are sure that many children got books as gifts this Christmas. We urge you to read along with your children, especially when they are in junior classes (Junior Infants to Second) and encourage them to develop a love of books.

You will be giving them a gift that will last their whole life.

## N.B. New Swimming dates

Due to adverse weather conditions swimming was delayed a week after Christmas as a result

Ms. Corrigan (1<sup>st</sup>) + Ms. Nolan (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>)  
25<sup>th</sup> Feb - 15<sup>th</sup> April

Ms. Lydon (1<sup>st</sup>) + Mr. Scanlon (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>)  
22<sup>nd</sup> April - 27<sup>th</sup> May

**We would like to thank the PTA for their very generous contribution towards our next Interactive Whiteboard in the sum of E1,500 approx.**

**Confirmation**

