



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Newsletter : February 2019

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Welcome back after the Mid Term.


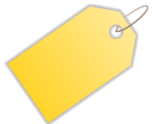
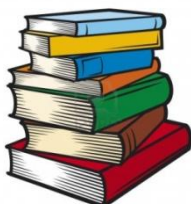





I trust that everyone found some time to spend with family and friends. May I extend a particularly warm welcome to those who have joined us over the past few weeks - be they from South Africa, Australia or Scotland. I also wish to welcome Greta Ryan to the teaching staff. I hope you all feel at home with us here in Scoil an Linbh Íosa.





As Spring brings signs of new life and fresh growth may we all be filled with renewed energy to embrace teaching and learning in all its marvellous guises in the coming months.

Here's to a happy and fulfilling term for everyone.


Go dté sibh slán.

Geraldine Hetherton
Principal

	Basketball Well done to the Boys' Basketball for getting to the final in Newbridge. They played their hearts out and did us all proud. Maith sibh.		Labels Please ensure that your child's name is on their belongings, especially their jackets and jumpers. As we head into finer weather more and more items of clothing get left on the yard and end up in the Lost and Found box – which is over-flowing!
	Book Fair The Book Fair is running in the school from Thursday Feb 28 th to Tuesday Mar 5 th . Reading offers so much from knowledge to enjoyment and is truly a gift for life. The Book Fair is open until 4pm each day.		Park Run The staff wish to say a huge <i>Thank You</i> to everyone who turned out for the Park Run to remember Kathy Casey and her first anniversary. Seeing so many people in Naas on that cold Saturday morning was very comforting to Noel and the Casey Family.
	Cake Sale Thank you from the PTA for the support for their Valentine Cake Sale. €1160.35 was raised.		Homeless The Christmas raffle raised €400 for the Homeless in Kildare. It is so important that the children look out for vulnerable people in our community.
 <p>shutterstock - 155644169</p>	Posts We were delighted to welcome Ms Casey's sister Vanessa to our school to launch our new outdoor posts. The boys' team put on a fine display of their skills for her and Vanessa took the first shot and scored! Again we must thank you for all the support in making this happen.		Sundries Thank you to those of you who have paid for sundries this year. About 60% of families contribute to the running costs of the school. You will be aware that the grants paid by the DES do not cover the costs involved in providing the quality of educational experience your child deserves. We are also aware that it can be financially difficult for families, but we would appreciate any contribution you could make – no matter how small.

	<p>Screens</p> <p>Screens of all kinds are a part of modern life, but their use by children needs to be monitored. If a child brings a phone to school it is handed to the teacher and stored in the admin office during the day. Use of laptops and ipads during class time is supervised. But the misuse of these devices out of school hours is leading to undesirable behaviours and affecting children’s friendships and their self esteem. In the interest of your child’s wellbeing we appeal to you to support our work in educating your children in the responsible use of such devices.</p> <p>Webwise.ie and staysafe.ie offer sound advice to parents.</p>	<div></div> <p>The Calendar</p> <p>The PTA are also very grateful for your cooperation with the photo shoot for the calendar and then for your support in buying the finished product. I am sure you will agree that everyone involved did a great job. €3,000 was raised to support Wellness initiatives in the school – an area of great need in these times of great</p>																
	<div></div> <p>Growing and Developing</p> <p>Some parents have asked for help around talking to their children about the changes they experience as they grow and develop. The HSE have very useful materials available on line under their RSE supports. The Busy Bodies series is particularly helpful. Kildare libraries also offer interesting talks on various parenting issues. www.kildare.ie/library for more information.</p>																	
	<p>Representing the school</p> <p>Well done to Bebhinn Doyle, Josh Gannon, Cliona O’Meara and Ioseph O’Brien who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol quiz and did the school proud. The best of luck to Jamie Herbert Kane, Danielle Moore McEvoy, Robert Melhorn, Heidi Paris, Ellen Carty, Louise O’Mahony, Kaitlyn Dragos and Orla Blake, who will represent the school for the first time in a Chess Tournament next week. Go n-éiri an bothar libh.</p>	<table><tr><th colspan="2">School Calendar</th></tr><tr><td>Monday March 18th</td><td>St Patrick’s Day Bank Holiday</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday March 27th</td><td>CPD for teachers In the new Primary Language Curriculum</td></tr><tr><td>Mon April 15th to Frid April 26th <i>*School closes at 12 noon on Friday April 12th</i> <i>*School re-opens on Mon April 29th</i></td><td>Easter Holidays</td></tr><tr><td>Monday May 6th</td><td>May Bank Holiday</td></tr><tr><td>Friday May 24th (TBC)</td><td>Local and European Elections</td></tr><tr><td>Mon June 3rd and Tues June 4th</td><td>June Bank Holiday</td></tr><tr><td>Friday June 28th <i>*School closes at 12 noon</i></td><td>Last Day of Term</td></tr></table>	School Calendar		Monday March 18 th	St Patrick’s Day Bank Holiday	Wednesday March 27 th	CPD for teachers In the new Primary Language Curriculum	Mon April 15 th to Frid April 26 th <i>*School closes at 12 noon on Friday April 12th</i> <i>*School re-opens on Mon April 29th</i>	Easter Holidays	Monday May 6 th	May Bank Holiday	Friday May 24 th (TBC)	Local and European Elections	Mon June 3 rd and Tues June 4 th	June Bank Holiday	Friday June 28 th <i>*School closes at 12 noon</i>	Last Day of Term
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After School Activities 2019

Day	Activity	Location	Time	Class	*Charges do apply to these activities	
Well done Mon	*Art	Room 10	3 – 4:30pm	1 st – 3 rd		
	*Baking	Room 15	3 – 4:30pm	4 th – 6 th		
	U10, Snr & Girls Football	GAA Pitch	3pm – 4pm	3 rd – 6 th Boys 5 th & 6 th Girls		
	*Zumba Kids	Central Activities Area	3 – 3:45pm	Infants – 2nd		
Wed	Choir	Room 2	3 – 3:45pm	3 rd – 5 th	Notes for individual activities will be sent out with starting dates and information.	Run a Mile All classes have been out doing the Daily Run. We are seeing improvements in fitness and concentration levels. Well done. Keep it up!
	*Playball	Hall	2pm – 3pm	Infants		
	*Playball	Hall	3pm – 4pm	1 st & 2 nd		
	Athletics	GAA Pitch	3:15 – 4:00	5 th & 6 th		
Thurs	Basketball/Soccer	Hall/Yard/Astro	3-3.30 or 3.30-4/4.15	5 th & 6 th		
	*Ukulele	Room 14	3:- 3:45pm	3 rd – 6 th		
	*Keyboard	SEN Room	2pm – 3pm 3pm – 4pm	Infants From 1st class		

