

Primrose Hill National School

January 2020

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has certainly been a chilly start to the new year and the new term but it has not dampened our enthusiasm for learning. We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Doyle back to Primrose Hill following her recent leave and we offer her our deepest condolences on the passing of her husband prior to the Christmas break.

The beginning of this term saw a very busy start for 5th Class as they participated in the BT Young Scientist Exhibition with their project, "Can the colour of food affect the way we think it tastes?" Congratulations to all of the pupils in 5th Class on receiving high praise from the judges and a special word of commendation to their teacher, Ms. McCarthy on all the work that went into preparing the pupils for the event and carrying out the experiment. 5th Class followed up their trip to the RDS with a trip to RTE for the recording of *Cleas Act* for TG4. Although the recording was mainly through Irish, all enjoyed the experience and we look forward to any further opportunities that come our way from RTE.

The Infant Room are busy learning all about the Arctic and the Antarctic between their Aistear and Lift-Off to Literacy. They have recently experimented to discover that fat helps to keep the animals in the Arctic warm in the cold weather.

Later in this term, we will be looking towards Easter which begins with the season of Lent. This year, Rev. Stephen has invited us to join the Church community on Ash Wednesday for a special Lenten service.

We have plenty to look forward to over the coming month as you will discover throughout the rest of our newsletter.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association met on Thursday, 16th January to discuss some upcoming events over the course of this term.

- Valentine's Pops – 14th February
- Pancake Tuesday – 25th February
- Bunny Hop – 2nd April

In order to make all our events successful, we would encourage as many parents as possible to volunteer to help out. Further information regarding each individual event will be made available by the Parents' Association prior to the event taking place. The PA are always looking for new members to become involved. If you are interested in helping for any event, please contact Bertha or any other committee member with your details.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

This term, the school have organized two further fundraisers to assist with our playground fund.

On **Wednesday, 19th February** we will be asking the pupils to bring in their favourite board games. We will spend the day playing a variety of board games, some will be based on current learning in each classroom and others will be purely for fun. We ask that each pupil bring in **€2** towards Board Game Day.

Our second fundraiser is on **Friday, 14th March** and is Jersey Day. Further information on this day to follow.



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ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

All application forms for Junior Infants 2020 will be in the post on the week beginning, 27th January. Please ensure all applications are sent back to us before Thursday, 13th February.

If you are aware of families that are moving into the area, there are spaces available in some other classes also.

CREDIT UNION TABLE QUIZ

Some of the children from 4th, 5th and 6th Class will take part in the first round of the Credit Union Table Quiz on Sunday, 2nd February. This will be held in Scoil na Mainistreach at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing how they get on with putting their General Knowledge to the test.



POLICY REVIEW

This year, we are reviewing a number of policies. As part of the review process for some policies, parental consultation is a key component.

Some of the policies for review currently are: Special Education Provision Policy; and Acceptable Use Policy.

If you feel that you would like to be involved in this process, please contact Mrs. Flood with your expression of interest.

PLAYGROUND SURFACE

We are awaiting an arrival of bark mulch to make the play space surrounding the climbing equipment space to use. When it arrives, we will be requesting some assistance from the parent body to help spread the mulch.

If you think you might be able to help, please contact Mrs. Flood with your availability.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- January 2020 – BIAP Parent meetings.
- 2nd February – Credit Union Table Quiz
- 11th February – First swim for 4th and 5th Class
- 13th February – Closing Date for Enrolment Applications
- 14th February – Valentine's Pops Fundraiser
- 19th February – Board Game Day
- 25th February – Pancake Tuesday
- 26th February – Ash Wednesday Lenten Service