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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back. I hope you all had a refreshing break and a happy and peaceful Christmas. I cannot believe that we are already in term two.

Christmas Concert/Play

Well done to all pupils for their fabulous performances in both the Senior and Junior concerts.

Thank you to the class teachers who organised the Junior Concert. We heard the story of Christmas with beautiful songs to go with it. A particular thank you to our in house musician Mr Chris Kane for his superb accompaniment on the guitar and to our fantastic group of singers from Junior infants to 2nd class.

We had a wonderful Senior Play starring 6th class with 3rd, 4th and 5th as our fantastic choir. “Stable Manners” was an interesting take on the Christmas Nativity with a few very cheesy jokes added to the mix! Thank you to all those who made this production possible. A particular thank you to Ruth Monds for leading our choir, to Helen Mangan, Lynne Bertram and Catherine Tyner for their creation of some very imaginative costumes. Also a big thank you to 6th class for such a fine performance. Thank you to the 6th class parents for their help with costumes and extra rehearsals at home and of course a huge thank you to our 6th class teacher, Ms Maria Carroll, for her huge talent in putting this together.

I am also delighted to inform you that we collected €937.40 for our chosen charity Lakers Social and Recreational Club formally known as Bray Lakers. Thank you all so much for your generosity in support of such a worthwhile charity.

Christmas Fair

We had a wonderful Christmas Fair in school at the beginning of December. It was well attended and made a whopping €6446. We had lovely music from the Harbour Ukulele band and are very grateful to them for that. Many, many thanks to Francis and her team for all their hard work and commitment for making this day a thoroughly enjoyable one and raising money for our school.

School Calendars

As you know our school calendar was for sale before Christmas and I hope they made good Christmas presents. There are still some calendars left in the office should anyone require any extra for the aunty they forgot! Many thanks to Ms Meg Strathern for her skill in designing the calendar and for organising its publishing. Also, thank you to Ms Wendy Costello for her skill in taking great photographs and to Ms Wendy Fleming for organising them on the computer. Many thanks to you as parents for organising the dress up for your child for their respective photographs and for the class teachers for their imaginative depiction of different times of year.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Zoe Finnegan and Ray on the birth of their beautiful daughter Zia. Zia was born on the 8th December. Baby and mum are both doing well and we all look forward to meeting Zia in the near future.

School Development Planning

The Department of Education require all schools to close for one day during the year to enable us to plan for and fully implement the Language Curriculum. We plan to close on Friday 3rd of May. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Cricket

Jim Stewart who is the Cricket Leinster Youth Development officer (Wicklow) has kindly offered to run an eight week cricket course for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils this term commencing on Monday 21st January.

Jim is doing a training session with the school staff this week.

Jim is hoping to enter a team for the Leprechaun Cup Competition after Easter and possibly the Annual North Wicklow Cricket Blitz in mid June.

This is a great opportunity for our pupils to try out a new sport and we greatly appreciate Jim's time and effort in this regard.

Food Dudes

Junior Infants, Senior infants and 1st Class should have received a letter in the their bags about Food Dudes. It is a programme run by Bord Bia and is financed by the Department of Agriculture.

The programme for Junior Infants to 1st class will take place from the 14th January to the 4th February.

2nd to 6th classes will commence the programme on the 24th January which will continue until the 4th February. A letter will be sent soon to these classes.

Each day fruit and vegetables will be provided to the pupils, hopefully in the following order.

Day One	bananas and peppers
Day Two	grapes and carrots
Day Three	manderine and cucumber
Day Four	apple and baby corn
	repeat day 1 to 4

If your child is allergic to any of the above please let the class teacher know.

If you have any queries or concerns about the programme please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Ruth Monds.

Many thanks to Ruth for organising this programme for our school and attending the training.

School Caretaker

Nick, our caretaker, has not been in school for the last couple of months as he is unwell. He has been sorely missed in his role as caretaker (one never really knows how much work goes on in the background until it is not happening!). We miss him around the school for his kindly, calm and gentle presence. As a school community we would like to extend our best wishes to Nick and his family at this time and hopefully he will back with us in the not so distant future.

Junior Infant Vision and Hearing Test

The HSE Vision and Hearing Tests for Junior Infants will take place on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th January.

Brass Band

I am delighted to have the news that the Boomerang Brass are returning to our school on Tuesday 19th March. This year 1st class to 6th class will have the opportunity to hear their wonderful music and perhaps even get a chance to try an instrument! Many thanks to Maria Carroll for coordinating this.

New Admissions Policy

The Admissions Act 2018 was signed into law by the President in July 2018. This had a significant impact on our Admissions Procedure for 2019 admission to Junior Infants. Our Admissions Policy had to be amended, under the guidance of our Patron, the Archbishop of Dublin, to reflect the new legislation.

All places for Junior Infants 2019 have now been allocated. We are delighted that we were in a position to accommodate siblings for 2019, but we are very conscious that we have a number of families disappointed not to have secured a place.

The Admissions Policy will be reviewed again by the Board of Management over the next few months.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meeting for 1st to 6th classes will take place from the 4th to the 15th February 2019. A sign-up sheet will be available on the class doors from Monday 28th January 2019. Please sign up for a available slot. If there are no suitable slots please contact your child's teacher and an appropriate time can be arranged.

Daphne Wood
School Principal

Dates for your Diary

Mon 14 th Jan 2019	Food Dudes starts
Mon 28 th Jan 2019	Sign up for Parent Teacher Meetings
Mon 28th Jan 2019	Talk on 'Intervention and Bullying: A Parent's Role' 7.30pm in the school hall
Mon 28 th and Tues 29 th Jan 2019	HSE Hearing and Vision Tests for Junior Infants
Wednesday 6 th Feb 2019	2 nd class start swimming lessons
Mon 18 th Feb to Fri 22 nd Feb 2019	Half Term
Thur 28 th Feb 2019	Table Quiz
Mon 18 th March 2019	School closed St. Patrick's Day
Tues 19 th March 2019	Visit from Boomerang Brass Band
Mon 15 th April to Fri 26 th April 2019	Easter Holidays
Wed 1 st May 2019	1 st class start swimming lessons
Fri 3 rd May 2019	School closed – English Curriculum in-service day