

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enfield Credit Union Table Quiz

A huge congratulations to our U11 and U13 table quiz teams who both came first in Enfield Credit Union table quiz competition on Sunday the 2nd February. Ms. Deane and Mr. Byrne organised the teams and accompanied the children to the event. These two teams will now progress to the County Meath table quiz competition which is due to take place this Friday 28th February in Ashbourne, Co. Meath. We would like to wish all involved the best of luck.

Cross-Country Competition

Well done to all the children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes who participated in the Cross-Country Competition that was held on Friday the 14th February in Fairy House Racecourse. The weather was miserable however, the children performed competitively and should be very proud of their achievements. Ms. King and Ms. Smyth praised the children for their behaviour and their positive attitude throughout the entire event.

Ardgillan Castle

Senior Infants really enjoyed their trip to Ardgillan Castle on Wednesday 19th February. They enjoyed a tour of the castle by the energetic Jester Tom, had a magic carpet ride, met Casper the friendly ghost, walked through magic doors, visited the fairy garden and finally met Baby Bear that lived in the woods. The Senior Infant teachers would like to thank the Parents/Guardians for supporting our educational trips.

World War 1 Field Trip

5th and 6th classes travelled to the Cavan town of Ballyjamesduff to explore and investigate the Cavan County Museum. The museum is home to the largest outdoor replica trench open to the public in Ireland and the UK. The trench is becoming a must-see attraction for visitors since it opened in August 2014 and includes sound and visual effects to enhance the experience and educate visitors on life in the trenches in World War 1. The trench, built to the specifications and manuals of the Irish Guards and used by the Royal Irish Fusiliers at the Battle of the Somme 1916 is over 350m long and includes frontline, communication and support trenches. Over 6000 sandbags were used in its construction. Gary and Michael showed the children around and answered any questions that they had. Some children even handled some World War 1 paraphernalia.

Penny Penguin

Room 7 performed their show "Penny Penguin" on Tuesday the 18th of February to a packed hall of parents, grandparents and friends, and again on Wednesday the 19th. The audiences were entertained with lovely singing, clear speaking voices and great actions. The stage area was bedecked with the children's artwork and handmade props. The children had been working on the performance for five weeks. They were quite sad when it was all over and when Penny and Paddy were put away for the last time.

Sacraments

Our sacrament classes are busy preparing for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As part of their preparation these children are making a special effort to go to mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15am with their class teachers. Please encourage and support these children by bringing them to mass at the weekends and helping them in their preparation.

First Confession will take place on Monday the 9th March at 6:30pm in Longwood Church.

Lent

Lent begins today Wednesday the 26th February. During the forty days of Lent we try our best to do three things: firstly, to pray more than we usually do. Secondly, to go without or abstain from, something, like sweets, or playing video games. Thirdly, to be charitable. Being charitable means using what we have to help people who are in need. Please encourage your children to try and carry out one of not all of the above throughout this Lenten season.

School Closure

There has been a change to our closing date for Easter. Our school was due to close on Friday the 3rd April at 12 noon. **However, due to an in-service day, which has been scheduled for Friday the 3rd of April, our school will now close on Thursday 2nd April.** All children will have a full day in school on Thursday the 2nd April. Our school will re-open on Monday the 20th April following our Easter Holidays.

Swimming Lessons

Aquatics is one of the P.E. strands and currently the children from 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes are receiving swimming lessons. Please encourage your children to take part in all 6 swimming lessons. Not only are the children taught to swim they are also educated on water safety and buoyancy. Knowing how to swim and respecting the water is a skill your child will possess for life so please encourage them to participate.

Aladdin App

If you haven't already downloaded the Aladdin App, to your phone, please do so immediately. All messages are being sent to parents, via email, through the Aladdin App. Please add your email address to your profile on the Aladdin App if you haven't already done so.

Hand Sanitisers

In order to reduce the spread of germs and infections all children are permitted to bring a small hand sanitiser to school every day.

Regards,

Siobhán Henry.
Principal.

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