



*Growing and learning together
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St. Eithne's Newsletter - January 2012

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school everyone. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and may you have a very happy and healthy 2012.



Christmas Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who supported our Christmas Coffee morning. We had a great turnout and €3500 was raised for the school. This was all down to the hard work of our fantastic Parents' Association who work tirelessly for the school.

Swimming

4th class will begin their six weeks of swimming lessons this Thursday the 12th of January in Ballymun pool. Please return consent forms to your daughter's teacher as soon as possible. Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and all students must participate unless there is a medical reason for non-participation. If this is the case please let us know and we will arrange supervision for your daughter in another class.



Drama

This Thursday will be the last day for drama with our drama tutor Gerry Herbert. The pupils really enjoyed their weekly drama sessions and we hope to work with Gerry again in the new school year. This initiative was funded by the School Completion Programme and organized by our SCP coordinator Tony Ridgeway. Thanks Tony!

Magic of Music

Magic of Music with Sinead Diskin will resume for all classes this Friday the 13th of January. We are delighted to be working with Sinead again and we hope everyone enjoys this great experience, which is also funded by the School Completion Programme.

Communion & Confirmation Preparation

This Wednesday our 2nd & 6th class pupils will begin attending 10 o' clock Mass in St. Monica's parish church on a weekly basis as part of their preparation for receiving the sacraments of First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation. Thanks to Fr. Dave, our hardworking parish priest who always makes Mass so meaningful for our young pupils.



New arrivals!

Our Deputy Principal Ms. O' Donovan will be starting her maternity leave on Monday the 23rd of January. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing the good news when her new baby arrives! Ms. O' Donovan will be greatly missed in St. Eithne's as she does so much for the pupils including organizing the Student Council, the Green Schools, the GAA team and the Sports Day. Interviews will be held this month for a replacement teacher for Ms. O' Donovan in Learning Support/Resource.



Homework Club

The Homework Club will start back on Monday the 23rd of January for 3rd to 6th class pupils who are involved. This is due to recent budget cuts. We would like to remind you that if a pupil does not regularly attend the Homework Club we may have to offer their place to someone else who will use it. Thanks to Ms. Heffernan for all her hard work with the Homework Club.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Parents will have an opportunity to meet their daughter's teacher after school on Monday the 13th of February and Tuesday the 14th February. Teachers will be in touch shortly to arrange dates and times for all parents. If these dates or times do not suit please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you.



Unwanted Visitors!

Up to now when a case of headlice becomes apparent in a class we send out a note with all children in the class asking parents to check their hair. We have decided to try something new! We have got a stamp, which we will put in each pupil's homework journal when headlice is discovered in a class. We would ask that you would sign the stamp in the space provided when you have checked your daughter's hair. This will save on paper as we are a green school and hopefully will be easier for parents as the journal tends to be checked everyday, whereas notes can easily get hidden at the bottom of schoolbags! Let us know what you think ☺



Attendance

I couldn't believe that 72 girls had full attendance last term and didn't miss any days in school. This is a fantastic achievement - well done girls! We will start afresh now in January for this term and hopefully even more girls will have full attendance for January to Easter.

HSCL

Next Thursday 19th January, we will be giving the parents/grandparents of St. Eithne's a chance to see what courses are on offer in the New Year from 'Using the Internet', Yoga, Zumba, 'Irish for Beginners' and Pottery. All of these classes will be free for parents so please pop in to the Cookery Room in St. Eithne's this Thursday between 9.15-10.15am for a cup of tea or coffee and get signed up. Limited places available on some classes! For more information please contact Adrienne our HSCL on 086-8271559 or pop into her office beside Ms. Lynch in St. Eithne's. Make learning something new your New Year Resolution!

Walking Bus

We will take a break from the Walking Bus until February when hopefully the weather will have improved!

Young Americans

It's not long now until the Young Americans arrive! Latest installment now due if you haven't paid already. Monthly installments are €20 and can be dropped in to our HSCL Adrienne.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mise le meas,

Janet Lynch

Principal