30/04/2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**ICT Teacher**

An ICT teacher to teach lessons to pupils including coding, web safety and Microsoft Excel, Powerpoint and Word. She will teach classes from 2nd to 6th for three days in May and June as a pilot programme. If successful, we will consider implementing the programme for classes from 1st to 6th in the next school year. Many thanks to the Parent Association for funding the pilot programme.

**Active School Day**

Following an application process, our Active School Committee for 2018 is Kate Murphy, Amy Patterson, Wiktoria Grubel, Wiktoria Szmurlo, Aoife Lynch, Fiona O’Malley, Carla Keogh, Isabelle Yore and Hollie Taaffe. This Thursday the 3rd of May, they have organised an active day in the school. The following events will take place-

* Gerard O’Donnell, current Irish 110m hurdle champion will teach an athletics lesson to all classes **(no charge)**
* Chef Pauric White from The Forge Restaurant, Carnaross will host a cookery demonstration, making brown bread and omelettes (with our school eggs) with 3rd, 4th and 5th classes (current 6th class had a demonstration with him the last time he was here **(€3 for all pupils in 3rd, 4th and 5th classes).**
* Ms. Duignan will be holding a raffle on Thursday also. She is travelling to Zambia during the summer to support teachers in schools with the African Impact charity. Prizes will include family passes for Tayto Park, Dublin Zoo, Red Mountain Open Farm and Navan Adventure Sports, as well as a variety of games and toys. Tickets will be 2 euro per strip or 5 euro for three strips **(optional for all pupils).**

**Sacraments**

Congratulations to all pupils who made their First Confession and Confirmation in the last few weeks and thank you to all families, staff and Parish members for all your work to make both occasions so special for the pupils.

**Aistear Resources**

Ms. Duignan and Mr. O’Connor are looking for any of the items listed on the back of this letter to add to their Aistear play resources. If you have any of them and would like to donate, please leave them at Davy’s shed.

**Construction Projects**

* Over the next few months the school hall will be revamped with a new floor, new kitchenette facilities and a repaint. Also, an outdoor play area will be created at the rear of the school. It will be used for infant Aistear outdoor play, as an outdoor classroom and also at break times for junior and senior pupils.
* The infant yard is also being revamped with new playground markings.
* The school pitch will also be spiked and sanded in the month of May to maintain its drainage.

Many thanks to the Parent Association and the Board of Management who are joint funding these works.

Regards,

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Paul O’Donnell

Principal

On behalf of the Board of Management

**Aistear Resources**

**Any real life objects or toys for the following themes would be greatly appreciated!**

* The pet shop/the vet
* Christmas
* Halloween
* The optician
* The farm/the garden centre
* The airport/travel agent
* The post office
* The seaside

**Other possible toys/items:**

* Toy mini-figures (eg. Lego men, plastic figures, miniature police, fire officers, nurses, doctors, farmers, children. Etc)
* Toy miniature animals (eg. farm animals, jungle animals, pets, birds, polar bears, penguins, insects)
* Toy houses/buildings (eg. dolls house, farm sets, shop buildings etc.)
* Puppets (hand and finger puppets)
* Miniature road signs
* Unwanted microphone (toy or real)
* Real household equipment , clean and in good condition but electrical items do not need to be working (phones, toasters, kettles, pots, pans, utensils, jugs)
* Dress up costumes
* Dolls
* Play money, cash register, etc
* Table cloths
* Puppet stage
* Decorations, posters, leaflets, flyers or brochures relating to the themes above