



18/01/2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following are upcoming dates for pupils in 6th class.

Wednesday 7th February Preparation for Life Day

On this day, facilitators will be coming to the school to work with the pupils on a number of areas to help prepare them for secondary school and teenage life. The workshop will include topics such as making the transfer to secondary school, dealing with teen relationships and relationships and sexuality education (RSE). You can see the areas covered in the RSE programme for 6th class pupils on the Parents tab of our school website at

www.slanens.ie/r-s-e/

Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th February Bizworld Workshop

Mr. Fagan has arranged a Bizworld workshop for the pupils on these two days. Bizworld is a programme run by Bank of Ireland. A member of staff will come to the school to teach the pupils about business and entrepreneurship. The pupils will create companies, design products and pitch their ideas to business representatives in a Dragons Den style event. You can find out more about this initiative at

www.bizworldireland.org

Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament where the Spirit of God is called upon to strengthen and guide the person being confirmed and is a landmark on each child's journey into adulthood. Preparation for Confirmation with pupils making their Confirmation will formally begin in this term. The difference between Communion and Confirmation is that in this sacrament, pupils themselves make decisions about their faith. It will be celebrated with Bishop Michael Smith and Fr. Dwayne Gavin

Sunday 11th March @ 11am – Confirmation Enrolment Mass

The formal enrolment ceremony for Confirmation will take place for pupils and parents/guardians in St. Patrick's Church, Slane.

Sunday 22nd April @ 11am – Confirmation Ceremony of Light

The Ceremony of Light is a pre Confirmation ceremony where parents formally hand on their faith to their children by passing their baptismal candle to them and recognizing them as responsible Christians. The ceremony for pupils and parents/guardians will again take place in St. Patrick's Church, Slane.

Thursday 26th April @ 3pm – Confirmation Ceremony in St. Patrick's Church

Mr. Fagan will have more details about each of the Confirmation related ceremonies closer to the time of each.

Regards,

Paul O'Donnell
Principal

