

Newsletter – November/December 2019

There are lots of planned activities, events and fundraisers during the next six weeks. It promises to be a very busy and exciting end to Term 1.

I would like to thank the school community for their wonderful support and engagement in their children's learning during the first half of Term 1 which culminated in very positive parent teacher meetings before midterm break. It is only through this partnership that we will together, continue with school improvement.

I look forward to meeting with you during this half term.

Kind regards,
Declan Murray
Principal.

Road of Hope – Shoebox Appeal

Thank you so much to all of our families for your support with this great charity. We were delighted to hand over 156 shoe boxes. Fiona from the Road of Hope charity on Tuesday afternoon. She thanked everyone in our school community for their amazing kindness and generosity.



Charlie's Fundraiser – Saturday 16th November.



Tom Shanley, Nancy Craig, Rosie Wright, Emer Rafferty, Jessica Shanley and Lucy Wright meet to create their wares for Charlie's Fundraiser on 16th November in the Parish Centre.

We hope to see you all there!

Open Night – for P1 children (September 2020).

This year will be host our annual 'Open Night' on Tuesday 3rd December from 6pm. This is a brilliant opportunity for you to see our school, visit the P1 classes with your children and hear how we will support you in the development of your child's education.

We are also running two interactive workshops to assist parents with the application process to gain admission to primary school. These workshops will take place on Thursday 9th January from 9.30 – 11am and on Tuesday 14th January from 5-6pm.



Christmas Holidays

School will close at 12 noon on Friday 20th December for Christmas Holidays. Please note 'Cool Kids' and 'homework' clubs will not operate on this day.

Staggered collection will be in operation. In order to ensure the safe pick up of pupils from the school we will implement the following:

- All P1 – p3 children with no siblings in P4- P7 must be picked up at 11.30am at their normal pick up point.
- P4 – P7 pupils with siblings must be picked up at 11.45am at their normal pick up points.

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November dates for your diary!

Monday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-bullying week • Changing Lives information workshop for parents (9 -11am) • PTA Christmas Raffle tickets sent home • P5 Nativity Play tickets go on sale directly from the Island Arts Centre
Tuesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P6 Basketball coaching
Wednesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pottery lessons for P3 (BG) and P6 (SG) • P3 tennis coaching • P6 German and Spanish lessons
Thursday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball League – Day 1 • Friends Science students with Mrs Fleming from 9.15am • PTA meeting at 7pm
Friday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs Crilly anti-bullying assembly • P5 Swimming • P7 Badminton coaching • GAA Fundamentals for P2 & P4
Monday 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work experience students in the Foundation Stage
Tuesday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P6 Basketball coaching • Mrs Gartland’s P6 class attending a business lesson in the Island Arts Centre from 9.45am
Wednesday 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3 tennis coaching • Pottery lessons for P2 (CMcA) and P5 (CG) • P6 German and Spanish lessons
Thursday 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5 Year Group Mass in St. Patrick’s Church at 10am • Friends Science students with Mrs Fleming from 9.15am
Friday 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5 Swimming • P7 Badminton coaching • GAA Fundamentals for P2 & P4
Monday 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book Fair Week – all week
Tuesday 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P6 Basketball coaching
Wednesday 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P3 tennis coaching • Pottery lessons for P2 (CMcA) and P5 (CG) • P6 German and Spanish lessons
Thursday 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends Science students with Mrs Fleming from 9.15am
Friday 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P5 Swimming • P7 Badminton coaching • GAA Fundamentals for P2 & P4 • After school clubs end

Value of the Month.

The value of the month for November is ‘responsibility’. Please look for any and all opportunities to discuss this value with your children and how they can show this at school.

“The price of greatness is responsibility” Winston Churchill.

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October 2019 Award Winners

Primary One	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Martha Campbell Penny English
Pope Francis Award	Lucas Pokrzywa Eden Mc Kenna
Writer of the Month	Harry Maher Leo Mc Clinton
ICT Whizz of the Month	Eimear Dick Charlie Mc Clure
Mathlete of the Month	Orlaith Kerr Amelie Mc Quade
Spirit of Charlie Award	Thomas Jasiuniewicz Ryan O'Reilly

Primary Five	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Caelan Smyth Sarah Abraham
Pope Francis Award	Finagh Rowlands Cian Mallon
Writer of the Month	Colin Kitowski Klara Heyes
ICT Whizz of the Month	Lara Gribbon Seb Morrison
Mathlete of the Month	Ethan Mc Keown Sebastian Morrison
Spirit of Charlie Award	Molly Mc Kenna Evan Mc Garrity

Primary Two	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Grace Mc Garrity Joseph James
Pope Francis Award	Sofia Iosub Farrah Graham
Writer of the Month	Holly Donnelly Olivia Blair
ICT Whizz of the Month	Adam Dempsey Daniel Gould
Mathlete of the Month	Sophia Ferran Mollie May Fay
Spirit of Charlie Award	Erin-Rose O'Neill Molly May Fay

Primary Six	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	David Mc Cay Grace Ferris
Pope Francis Award	Shea Marshall Matthew Lavery
Writer of the Month	Eimear Rafferty Adam Gormley
ICT Whizz of the Month	Oisin Farrell Mollie Barr
Mathlete of the Month	Nara Beggs-Mc Cormick Sophie Mateer
Spirit of Charlie Award	Orla Gallagher-Turtle Oisin Holman

Primary Three	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Annie Murphy Max Mc Donnell
Pope Francis Award	Abbie Barr Jude Herbert Fox
Writer of the Month	Charlotte Feenan Bronagh Bradley
ICT Whizz of the Month	Tomasz Figlas Lucy Brownlees
Mathlete of the Month	Matthew Mc Conville Patrick Mc Sparron
Spirit of Charlie Award	Killian Curran Aleks Jasiuniewicz

Primary Seven	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Rosie Skates Katie Roche
Pope Francis Award	Erin Mallon Tiernan Power
Writer of the Month	Oran Lynch Roisin Quinn
ICT Whizz of the Month	Darragh Kennedy Mia Rooney
Mathlete of the Month	Erin Mallon Marian Mc Lorinan
Spirit of Charlie Award	Callum Agnew Dylan O'Hare

Primary Four	
Value of the Month: Courtesy	Ben Campbell Ellie Sloan
Pope Francis Award	Nicolas Badoi Maisey-Rose Heatley
Writer of the Month	Nancy Craig Adam Maloret
ICT Whizz of the Month	Matthew Schumann Sam Bowman
Mathlete of the Month	David Vorotynskij Sam Bowman
Spirit of Charlie Award	Orlaith Doherty Charlie Neill