



January 2014 (Available on website, read it in colour)

Dear parents,

We are back and enjoying the spring term.

The weather has been very wet but luckily we have been able to get to play in between showers.

It is important that cars never park directly outside the school even on the wettest of days.

As the weather improves remember that we try to walk / cycle on Wednesdays and Fridays.

This term the children will learn lessons from the Stay Safe Programme. This programme tells them how to keep safe, they learn about good and bad feelings and how to have good friendships. The worksheet will be sent home to be signed. It is important to have a chat about the worksheet as this reaffirms what has been taught in school. It will be taught in varying stages between now and the Easter holidays.

Grandparents' Day was on Wednesday the 29th of January. Grandparents are integral part of the children's lives and it is nice to acknowledge that.

Snow Plan:

I'm not expecting snow but if it should happen a textparent will go out at 8 30 am to let parents know the status of the school.

Hopefully it won't happen.

Yellow Flag

Our yellow flag is flying proudly. We plan to hold friendship week the 10th to the 14th of February.

Looking forward to an active term.

Yours

Mrs Murphy

Varanasi:

We support a primary school in Varanasi, India. We have a direct link through Mrs Stephanie O Connor. This means all monies we raise goes directly to the school. We are selling pens 5 for €1 through the office if anybody would like to support. Thank you.



Dates for your diary:

Half - term is from Monday the 17th of february to 21st of February inclusive.

Peace Proms Concert

The school choir will travel to the conference centre in City West this Sunday the 2nd of February to take part in a concert. There will be lots of choirs singing the same songs at the same time. It will be an uplifting experience. Mrs Callaghan and Ms Farrell have been coaching the choir and they sound fantastic.

Mathletics

The parents' committee is funding our subscription to mathletics until July 2014.

The children are really enjoying it and are learning at the same time. Ms Whyte's class is flying ahead and are leaders in Europe. Caitlin Stewart in Ms O Mahony's is doing fantastically.

Parents' Committee

The committee is planning their next fundraising initiative and details of this will follow shortly.

Discover Science:

Please keep an eye out for the following and let Ms Farrell know if you spot any of the following:

Frog, primrose, Horse Chestnut, Hawthorn and Ash. There is a prize for the best photo of these. Give your photo to Ms Farrell and she will enter the competition for you.

Green flag

This year we are working towards our fifth Green Flag and the theme is Bio- Diversity.

The children from junior infants up to sixth class enjoyed an educational workshop entitled the 'Secret Lives of Bees'. This workshop taught the children about the importance of bees in regard to pollination.

There were large bees on display (not alive!) The children really enjoyed this interactive experience which was paid for with Voluntary Contribution money.

We have been lucky to get free workshops on Bio -Diversity and Ms Whyte's 4th class will take part in these. These children then will lead the rest of us in our learning about the Bio-Diversity that we have on our own doorstep.

Ms O Mahony's 5th class have mapped the school yard in terms of Bio Diversity. This is the first step in making our school an inviting place for all sorts of creatures to live.

Spelling Bee



The Spelling Bee competition was won by Cleo Gallen. Well done, a super speller!

Mr Callaghan was also a winner in the spelling bee challenge between students and teachers. Anna McNally nearly had him! Well done Anna who gave a strong performance.

Basketball

Basketball league for girls has started in school this week.

Basketball for boys will start after school next Wednesday 3 until 3.45, weather permitting.

Ms O Mahony, Ms McHale , Mrs Kennedy and Ms McHugh are involved in the organisation of basketball.

Athletics

Mr Callaghan is putting the children through their paces again as we edge towards our next Cross Country meet.

Date: Next race is on the 11th of March @ 10.45 in Balheary Park.

Knitting: Many thanks to Phyllis Carew who teaches knitting to 5th and 3rd class.

Debate Club:

Ms Callaghan is in charge of our Debating Society. The team is heading to St Maloga's NS this Friday.

'Phones are the best invention'

'Uniforms solve bullying'

Credit Union

There are two teams entered in the Credit Union Quiz which takes place this Saturday in the Milestone at 1.30.

Good luck.

School Book Rental Scheme

There was a resounding yes for the school to take part in a school book rental scheme. The application to the department has gone in so fingers crossed we are chosen to receive the grant.

Dance Karen Graham is offering a one off dance class for children in 4th, 5th or 6th on Friday the 7th of February for €7 - 3 until 4. Please text 087 6736678