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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

Swimming lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will commence in the New Year for five sessions on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of January. A payment link has been set up on Aladdin. Please return confirmation slips to the class teachers. Those not attending the lessons will need a doctor's cert or legitimate reason as swimming is part of the school curriculum.

The Anti Bullying Ambassadors are holding their first school fundraiser on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of December. Make or craft your own Christmas jumper. There will be a parade and lots of prizes on the day. Thanks to the Parent's Association for their kind offer to help with prizes. Bring €2 to participate and have fun making your jumpers ☺  
Thanks to Amy in 4<sup>th</sup> Class for this lovely poster.



The book fair finished on Thursday in our school, after a very busy week of book sales totalling €2056.05, thanks for all your support– every purchase earns our school rewards which we can spend on free books to stock our library. I will order extra books tomorrow which should be with us by the end of this week, and distribute as soon as they arrive.

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The new Parent Association Committee has come together and is working hard on your behalf on some upcoming events for our children and the school. The new Committee is made up of the following members: Wynita Balfe, Darren Balfe, Seamus Connolly, Suzanne Dodson, Olivia McGuire, Deirdre Mullaney, Maria O'Connell, Breeda Prior & Angela Tallon. Every Parent is automatically a member of the Parent Association and so encouraged to attend upcoming meetings. They have two activities planned and all funds made from these events will go toward the purchase of new IT equipment for our children.

- 1. Late Late Toy Show Goody Bags Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>**
- 2. RNS Christmas Raffle**

## **Late Late Toy Show:**

There is great excitement in the school as we approach December and the Festive Season, starting with the airing of the Late Late Toy Show on November 26<sup>th</sup>. To coincide with this Poppy May's Coffee Kiosk will be visiting the school from 1pm to 3pm this Friday November 26<sup>th</sup>. All children will be treated to a goody bag to take home this Friday, to enjoy while watching the show of the year! Parents will also be treated to a cuppa and a mince pie at collection times. This comes courtesy of Poppy May's Coffee and Mullaney's shop. We couldn't have done it without their incredible support. A huge thank you to both businesses!



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We are asking for a donation of €2 for each goody bag which the student council will collect in school on Friday. There will also be donation buckets outside the school for parents. **100% of the donations for this event will go towards the upgrade of the children's iPads in the school.**

Please be mindful of mask wearing and social distancing this Friday at the school.

### Christmas Raffle:

The PA committee is organizing a HUGE Christmas Raffle. The Raffle will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> December. They have gathered some amazing prizes from local businesses and will circulate shortly. We are now putting a shout out to the whole Parent Community and possibly their employers to support this raffle. If anyone would like to sponsor/donate a prize, big or small, please contact the PA Committee through the school. This is the first major fund-raising activity in the past two years so please let's all get behind it. We will update you with more information on the raffle in the coming week.

A reminder that parents should not drop off their children in front of the staff carpark. This morning a child walked through the staff carpark, this could have resulted in an accident.

### Playground Friends

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class playground friends are back up and running with a small group of 6<sup>th</sup> class children on rotation teaching and playing games outside on yard with the infant classes.

Some Activities currently taking place in School: Junior Entrepreneur Project, Young Scientist Award, Ukulele lessons, Amber Flag, Christmas Nativities in Infants, Swimming after Christmas, Creative Arts Project, Laya Super Troopers, Picker Pals, School Committees: Student Council, Anti-Bullying, Active School Committee, Green Schools Committee, Wellbeing Committee, Religion Committee.

Unfortunately, it looks like we will not have parents in for the nativity plays. However, we do plan on recording them and sending them out to parents. If anyone has a good recording device better than an iPad and you don't mind us borrowing it for recording, please let us know!!!

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## Covid 19 Update

Please continue to follow all public safety advice and do not send your child to school if they are ill or have symptoms. The department are hoping to roll out new guidance by the 29<sup>th</sup> November. In a nutshell if a child tests positive a parent is advised to let the principal know. The principal can then inform the child's pod there is a confirmed case and the parents can apply for antigen tests if they want. The children in the pod can still come to school while undertaking 3 antigen tests (1 every second day). If any are positive they are advised to go for a test. If there is a second case outside of the pod the whole class will be offered antigen tests. Reminder that if someone in your house tests positive, everyone in the house is required to restrict their movements.

## Keyboard

We have an old Roland electric keyboard that needs some TLC if anyone wants it before the end of the week.



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On Thursday last, the school held an outdoor assembly, first of this school year.



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