

January
NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,
 We would like to wish you a Happy New Year! A huge thank you for your fantastic feedback to our Operation Christmas survey. We have lots to work with for next year! Listening to the voice of all members of our school community is an important priority for me as a school leader. When the weather gets better we look forward to adding more rainbow colours to our outdoor areas. We have lots to look forward to in 2022. There is a continued shortage of substitute teachers. Continuity for our young children is important and I always try prioritise this. If any of our parents or guardians have a teaching council number and are interested in subbing please make contact with the school.
 Best Wishes,
 Edel Blake

News

*We are working hard to keep the school safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have hand sanitizer at all entry points, a team of 2 cleaners on duty every day. Doors and windows are open for good ventilation. We are researching HEPA filters. An overview of work being covered in class with relevant links will be available on seesaw for any child who is isolating/restricting movements - engagement with this is optional for families.

*A big thank you to:
 Philip Burke Darren Mc Allen
 Tom Fitzsimons. Darrach Ó Séaghda
 The 4 excellent nominees for the Parent's Representative on the Board of Management. We are a very lucky school to have such interested parents. Darren Mc Allen received the most votes and has been elected as Parent's Representative on the Board of Management.

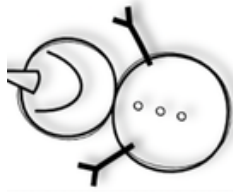
Information

*Education Centres around Ireland offer high quality free online webinars via zoom for parents. You can register for them online. They cover a variety of topics. I have included the dates of some of these webinars on the back of the newsletter for anyone interested.

*Parent Teacher Meetings by phone will be beginning 31st January.

*Due to increasing ventilation in classrooms via windows and doors our classrooms are colder than usual. We do have the heat on fully everyday. Children can wear extra layers - vests, hoodies, fleece jackets and gilets are all light enough to allow the children to work comfortably in them. Please make sure they have an extra layer - a coat for yard time.





JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	x	x	x	x	x	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Closing Date for enrolment for Junior Infants	11 Course for parents raising bilingual children Kildare Education Centre 7-8 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Irish made easy for parents - Kildare education centre - 7-9PM	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Reducing anxiety in children - Laois Education Centre - 7-9PM	28	29
30	31 Day 1 - Phone Parent Teacher Meetings - Appointments will be sent home.					

Websites to register for webinars:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WW_NK1111cQzuZn5-AzdZSXg anxiety webinar
<https://www.ekildare.ie/> - bilingual & Irish Made easy webinar

