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NEWSLETTER

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A Thuismitheoirí
Ath Bhliain Nua faoi mhaise do chách ó fhoireann na scoile uilig



School Closures:

Confirmation Monday 17th February – School will close early 12:00 noon.

School will be closed for mid-term break February 19th 20th & 21st.

School will be closed on March 17th Public Holiday – St Patrick's Day.

School will be closed from April 14th to April 25th inclusive - Easter holidays.



Swimming :

Swimming for 4th class (Ms Hayes), commenced last Friday January 10th and continues on 17th, 24th, 31st, Feb 7th, 14th. Swimming lessons will begin for 5th Class (Ms Murphy) on February 28th.

Credit Union Quiz :



Four teams will represent Cullina National School in the Credit Union Quiz which takes place on Sunday 2nd February at 2.00 p.m. in the I.N.E.C. Centre, Gleneagle Hotel, Muckross Road, Killarney. Teams to be announced later.

Confirmation :



This year we have 30 children from our school making their Confirmation on February 17th in St. Mary's Church, Beaufort. Because of the large number of families involved and also to facilitate other families, teachers and S.N.A.'s who wish to attend the ceremony – Cullina N.S. will be closing at 12:00 noon on that day.

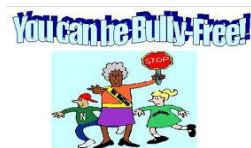


School-Self Evaluation – Maths

As part of our on-going process to develop strategies and procedures for the Development of a Curriculum Plan in Maths – it has been recommended by the Department of Education & Skills that there is uniformity in the Words and Methods used to teach children certain Math's procedures. This uniformity of procedures exists between the teachers in our school but it is also very important that parents are using the same Math's language and procedures to explain certain problem – solving processes to their children. For that reason **please follow carefully** the Words and Methods used by the school to explain the Subtraction Method. **Example SHEETS are included with this Newsletter. Please read carefully.** The class teachers will be delighted to provide you with any other help.

Anti-Bullying Policy

Our Revised Anti-Bullying Policy has recently been ratified by the Board of Management of Cullina National School. This will include Cyber Bullying and Homophobic Bullying. If you would like to make a contribution to this policy or if you have any suggestions regarding this Policy then do not hesitate to contact me. I will bring it before the Board. This policy will appear on our school website shortly www.cullinationalschool.ie



New Appointment: Fáilte romhat

Welcome to Siobhán Fenton (no.14) on our Teaching Staff. Siobhán is our new Temporary Fixed Term Resource Teacher. Cullina School is the Base School for this appointment which forms part of a cluster of schools including – Faha N.S., Kilcummin N.S. and Castlemaine N.S.



Comhghairdeas: Celebrations go leor so scoil

Congratulations to Ms. Jemma Doyle on her recent engagement.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lisa Stack – a new baby daughterp.

Congratulation to Mike our Caretaker, who has his own Radio Station on the Internet every Monday and Tuesday night (8:30p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) Have your requests played live on air!

Tune in and enjoy his music!!!. www.kingdomcountrymusic.com

The Parents' Association

The Parents' Association wish to thank all those people who contributed to their Carol Singing over Christmas. I would like to re-iterate this sentiment. I would also like to thank my hard working and supportive Parents' Association and the other musicians and singers who came along to support us over this period. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Reminder Parents' Association Committee

- Chairperson – Mr Denis McDonnell
- Secretary – Ms Fiona O'Leary
- Treasurer – Ms Joanne O'Shea Devine

New Families

A number of new families have joined our school in 2012/2013 and a number of new families are currently enrolling for 2014/2015. These families will have children enrolled in classes from Junior Infants – 6th Class. We hope that they will have a pleasant transition and that they will enjoy the on-going activities in our school community. I am depending on the more established families to engage with all new-comers and make them aware of the many activities and societies in our busy community. Let me compliment your children and their ever-readiness to include new children in their classrooms.

'The Primary Planet' Magazine 5th Class

5th Cass pupils are currently appearing in the latest edition 'The Primary Planet' Magazine. An article from the 5th class appears on page 15 of the magazine and can be viewed on line under www.theprimaryplanet.ie (go into Planet Schools view by month Jan 2014)

Maith thú rang a cúig (Well done)

Catholic Schools Week – 26th January – 2nd February

January 26th – February 2nd has been set aside as Catholic Schools Week. Schools will celebrate the theme "Catholic Schools – Places of Faith and Learning" all over Ireland. Perhaps you would like to do something at home with your children to celebrate this theme also.

School Activities resume

<p>During School Hours</p>	<p>Comhaltas – Monday Dancing – Tuesday Aerobics – Wednesday</p> <p>Football Coaching 6th Class only - Monday</p>	<p>I want to take this opportunity to thank you for contributing to these classes. Any outstanding contributions will be gratefully received at any time convenient to you</p> <p><i>This Monday 13th Jan will see the 1st of Mid Kerry's primary school coaching visits and will continue for a full 6 week block</i></p>
<p>After School</p>	<p>Set Dancing – Tuesday Basketball - Tuesday</p>	



Operation Action Child – A New Initiative

Operation Action Child – We propose to organise a programme of events to encourage more activity in the daily lives of our children.

Some of our Proposals are as follows –

Starting on Monday 20th January

1. One 5 mins exercise routine in the classroom before classes begin each morning
2. One 5 mins exercise routine last thing in the evening before going home
3. Lunch break will begin at 12:20 p.m. with a 10 mins exercise routine (Warm up, run, jog + cool down) This will be led by the teachers.

Culminating in a Sponsored Walk / Run on Friday 21st January. We propose to organise a sponsored fun walk, jog or (for the more ambitious) run for all the children in the school. This will incorporate a circuit which will include the Green Road, Beaufort Village and School Grounds. The distance and level of participation will vary in accordance with class level. More details to follow closer to the event.

‘Aigne slán i gcorp folláin’ (Healthy Body Healthy Mind)

Maybe at home (evenings / weekends) you could help your children to prepare for January 31st by introducing some exercise / activities into your leisure time.

Literacy & Numeracy

Our Station Teaching Programme is well up and running at this stage. It will continue this term with Mrs. McLaughlins class engaging in a number of Station Teaching Activities – English. There may be changes to English homework over this period.

Board Games

If anybody has board games which they no longer need, Ms. Costello would be very grateful if you would drop them into her. It is hoped they would be used on rainy days especially in Junior Classes.

Le gach dea - ghui

Maire Bx Ui Chroinin

