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# NEWSLETTER

## 3rd February 2014



### *Enrolment for Junior Infants September 2014 :*



Anybody intending to enrol children for school year 2014 / 2015 please do so now. Also if you know of any new families starting school this September please let them know as we are currently taking enrolments. Enrolment forms are available in the office at Cullina National School.

There will be an induction afternoon for parents and children in June – date to be confirmed.

### *Operation Transformation & R.T.E.*



Our Fun-Run Day in conjunction with Operation Transformation and our own Paudie O'Mahony has given us great memories. These memories will remain with us long after other school related activities will be well forgotten.

I'm sure that the excitement and anticipation felt by the children and staff on the day has been well related to you at home by now. The excitement was infectious and we now await the appearance of Cullina National School on R.T.E.'s Operation Transformation on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. Who knows who may appear on Camera on the night. Tune in and find out for yourself. We will also be appearing in the Kerryman and in Kerrys Eye during the week. Enjoy!

I would like to thank Paudie O'Mahony for choosing our school on this occasion and I wish him every success in the future.

### *Sponsorship*

We wish to thank you for your generosity in sponsoring our fun run. The money raised means that hurling coaching in the school will begin very shortly. All the necessary equipment and gear for this will be provided on loan to the children.

The remainder of the funds raised will be used to purchase 2 new I-pads for the school.

It is my wish to have one I-pad per child (in any one class) as soon as possible.



### *Usain Bolt Flag*

A Jamaican Flag personally signed by the World Renowned Usain

Bolt was presented to Cullina National School during the week.

John and Louise Riordan together with their two children Lily and Keeva have recently moved home to Ireland and settled in Beaufort. John's Company sponsored the Jamaican Athlete, Usain Bolt, and our School was privileged to receive a Jamaican Flag signed personally by Usain Bolt. Coincidentally this presentation coincided with the schools 5km Run and the flag was held proudly by different children on the day.

**A busy schedule is set for 6<sup>th</sup> Class this term and next term**

**Please pencil in the following dates for your Diary**

Confirmation	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Siamsa Tíre	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Visit to U.C.C. & Conferring Ceremony	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Relationships & Sexuality Education Talk	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Climb of Carrantuohill to point of Plane Crash	March / April (Weather permitting)
Entrance Tests to Secondary School	Ongoing
Visit to Secondary School Open days	Please ask your children for notes and dates

### *Educational Tours*

All Travel Costs will be borne by the school

**Jnr Infants (Ms Tuohy)** Attended Xmas Musical in Siamsa 'The Boy who Cried Wolf'

**Snr Infants/1<sup>st</sup> Class (Ms O'Shea)** 6<sup>th</sup> February Milanos & Crowley's Farm

**1<sup>st</sup> Class/2<sup>nd</sup> Class (Ms Doyle, Ms Laughlin)** Attended Xmas Musical in Siamsa 'The Boy who Cried Wolf'

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class (Ms McLoughlin)** INEC Musical 'Jesus Christ Super Star' Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**4<sup>th</sup> Class (Mr Breen)** INEC Musical 'Jesus Christ Super Star' Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**5<sup>th</sup> Class (Ms Murphy)** Siamsa 6<sup>th</sup> February

**6<sup>th</sup> Class (Mr Fitzgerald)** Siamsa 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Junior Autism (Ms Walsh)** As part of the Science Curriculum – Living Things, an educational trip to Dingle Oceanworld Aquarium has been arranged for the two classes. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the habitats and life cycles of a range of sea life creatures. The trip will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**Senior Autism (Ms Counihan)** Will continue to go to Killarney every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday to develop their social skills.

We wish to thank the parents in both the Junior and Senior Autism Units for their kind sponsorship of Occupational Therapy Equipment recently.

### *Reminder*

Confirmation is on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00 p.m.** in St. Mary's Church, Beaufort.

**School will close at 12:00 noon on that day** to facilitate the large number of families involved in this year's Confirmation.

### *Golf*

Mr Kieran Crehan will begin golf lesson after school today with children from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class. We are delighted to welcome Kieran on board to share his professional expertise with the children in the school. Please contact Kieran for any further details re - golf coaching.



### *Basketball*

Basketball continues On Tuesday evenings 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for all children.

### *Comhaltas*

Comhaltas Tuition during School Hours continues as usual on Mondays with our very talented Róisín.

### *Set Dancing*



Set Dancing has resumed for children from Snr Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. It is no wonder that this activity is so popular following the fantastic display of Irish Set Dancing which our young school dancers gave to us at our School Mass this Christmas.

### *Parent/Teacher Meetings for 4<sup>th</sup> Class*

Mr. Breen will be holding Parent/Teacher Meetings for 4<sup>th</sup> Class parents on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### *Welcome to student Aisling Howe*

Aisling is a student attending Tralee I.T. She is on work experience in the school from today until March. She will be working with Jnr Infants (Ms Tuohy), Snr Infants/1<sup>st</sup> class (Ms O'Shea), Jnr Autism Unit (Ms Walsh) during her stay. We hope that she will enjoy her Work Experience in our school. We are sure that she will lend her talents to the children in our classrooms over the next few weeks.



## *Donal Walsh 'Live Life' Foundation*

As part of their Confirmation preparation the pupils of Cullina N.S. and Kilgobnet N.S. in Beaufort have done a project on Donal Walsh who died last May after a long battle with cancer. Donal had an incredible effect on the Nation and in particular his own peers in the way he bore his illness and how he used it to highlight the positive side of life. He tried to positively accept his cancer with courage and faith, dignity and even good humour. The Confirmandi integrated Donal's story into their own preparation in understanding the gifts of the Holy spirit, including wisdom, understanding, respect and courage. Donal's mother, Elma, will visit Cullina school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> to speak about her son's life and to continue Donal's message – that life is precious and God does give meaning and hope. The boys and girls did a cake sale which raised money for the Donal Walsh LiveLife Foundation and Crumlin Childrens Hospital. Confirmation takes place in Beaufort Church on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00 p.m. and all the boys and girls said doing the project and meeting Donal's mother, made their Confirmation preparation more real and practical, as well as giving them an insight into the life of their particular Saint which they have chosen.

Donal Walsh's Mother, Elma, came to Cullina School on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. The Confirmation children from both Cullina N.S. and Kilgobnet N.S. presented her with a cheque from their cake sale, as a donation to the Donal Walsh 'Live Life' Foundation. The whole project explored the true meaning of our Confirmation theme for 2014, as well as capturing the real significance behind the 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit' which the children will receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>.

*Fr. Donal O'Connor*

Mrs. Walsh's visit co-insided also with the schools 'Operation Transformation Run' and lended itself aptly to the overall 'Live Life' theme as promoted by the Donal Walsh 'Live Life' Foundation.

We would like to thank Elma for her visit and thank her for her question and answer session with the children of 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

I'd like also to thank Fr. Donal O'Connor for the amount of time and preparation which he put into this project to make it a success.

*Móira Cronin and Pat Fitzgerald*

### *Mid term Break*

School will be **closed Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb** for the Mid term Break. School will **reopen on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**.

Easter Holidays – School will be **closed Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**.

### *Credit Union*

Well done to all the children who represented our school and participated in the Credit Union Quiz in the I.N.E.C. Centre in Killarney on Sunday last, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. They were a credit to the school and were positioned in the top 5 teams at the end. A sincere thanks to Vincent Moriarty for all his help coaching the teams. Comhghairdeas a pháistí.

### *Tidy Towns*

A number of Projects on our Locality have been compiled by the different classes in the school. These projects will be on display shortly. I would like to thank the Beaufort Tidy Towns Committee for their continued support and enthusiasm.

### *Green Flag Number 7*

Cullina National School pupils are currently working towards our 7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag – Global Citizenship, Litter & Waste.

Our chosen Green School slogan was written by Conor Lehane (4<sup>th</sup> Class). Congratulations to Conor and all the other finalists who wrote slogans (see website for more details)

Recycling is our main focus for the next few weeks so remember the '**Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle**'.

Our Flag is up for renewal at the end of February.



*Máire Bn Uí Chroinin  
Príomhoide*