



A Thuismitheoirí agus a pháistí,
As we approach our Easter holidays this Friday at 12 noon, please take some time to read our April newsletter.

Open Evening

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Open Evening here in the school such a great success. A special word of thanks to Mrs Gilmartin and the children in 5th and 6th class who wowed their audience with a wonderful display of science experiments. Thanks also to the Parents Association who catered on the night. We were very lucky to have some words of wisdom and practical tips from Mrs Anne O' Rourke, our NEPS Educational Psychologist to the school. We look forward to welcoming our new junior infants in September 2014.

Discover Primary Science

Children in fifth and sixth classes have almost completed their Discovery Logs for the DPS Award of Science and Maths Excellence 2014. We wish them the best of luck as they submit their project before the closing date on May 9th.

Doodle 4 Google

Congratulations to Ryan Donohue, 1st Class, who represented our school in Dublin at Google Headquarters, on Monday 24th March. Ryan was one of the finalists in this prestigious competition and it was a great occasion. Unfortunately Ryan didn't win the overall prize but we applaud his efforts. We are all very proud of you Ryan.

Lenrec Clothes Collection

We're having a new and used clothing collection. Recycle and support your school. Please deliver bags for collection from the School on or before tomorrow morning **Tuesday April 8th**. Your support is much appreciated as proceeds are in aid of the school. Your school will receive €5.50 per 10kg bag of clothes and €2 per each old mobile phone. Thanks to *Mrs O' Brien* for organising this annual event.

The Library Committee

The library project is well on its way to completion. The Committee are now on the hunt for old bean bags. If anyone has old beanbags lying around at home and wishes to donate them, the library committee will make them new again by recovering and they will be put to great use in our library.

Hannah Campbell

Library Committee

Parents Association

The Parents Association will hold a non-uniform day on this Friday 11th April. Children may wear their regular clothes on the day of the holidays. Families are requested to make a voluntary contribution. All monies raised will go towards expenses incurred at First Communion and Graduation celebrations next term.

GAA

Congratulations to all our mini sevens teams who performed extremely well in the group stages of the competition. Unfortunately this was not our year and we didn't progress any further in the football, hurling or camogie. However well done to all involved.

Now our efforts turn to training for upcoming Cumann na mBunscoil schools matches next term. Dates, times and venues to be confirmed. We wish all the teams the very best of luck in their matches and look forward to the match reports in our May newsletter.



Killalaghton Drama Group

The Killalaghton Drama Group will present their Easter one act comedy play "Love and Acid Drops" in Killalaghton Hall on Good Friday 18th April at 8pm. All are welcome to what promises to be a great comedy evening. All proceeds will go to Motor Neuron Diseases (MND).

School Uniform Parent Questionnaire

In keeping with Circular 63/2013 'Reducing costs to Parents - School Uniforms' the Minister for Education has requested all schools to seek information and opinions from the parent body regarding school uniforms. At present parents are completing questionnaires designed to elicit viewpoints on this topic. Thank you to all families who have already returned questionnaires. To those who have not please complete and return by Friday 11th April. Results of the questionnaire will be conveyed in a future newsletter.

School Fundraiser - Monster Raffle 2!

Tickets will be distributed to all families after the Easter Holidays and we would like to thank everyone in advance for their support. Last year a staggering €6000 was raised in our school fundraiser and these monies have gone towards general running costs. Teams will be asked to once again sell in the station areas. The draw will take place on Friday 27th June in the school hall. If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle please let Sheila in the office know as soon as possible as we will print tickets over the Easter holidays. We are hoping to have 3 main prizes and lots of hampers and spot prizes like we had last year. We have already secured an Apple I pad as first prize and are largely dependent on the generosity of families and friends of Cappataggle N.S. to make this as successful as last year.



School Tours

This year we will be bringing the Junior to Second class pupils to the Slieve Aughty Centre, Kylebrack, Loughrea for the Farm Friends Guided Programme on Friday 13th June. The third to sixth class pupils are heading to Lough Key Forest Park, Boyle, Co. Roscommon on Wednesday 25th June. Further details will follow.

Book Rental Scheme

The school has applied for the Book Rental Grant which will be paid to the school over the next 3 years (€100 per child enrolled on 30th September 2013). We plan to introduce this on a phased basis from September 2014 and will include textbooks and readers. Further details to follow in Term 3.

Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Tuesday 8th April - Recycling Clothes Collection Fundraiser
- ✚ Friday 11th April - Easter Holidays (12 noon)
- ✚ Saturday 3rd May - Confirmation 11am
- ✚ Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Thursday 15th May - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 18th May - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Friday 23rd May - School Closed European Parliament & Local Elections
- ✚ Monday 3rd June - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Friday 13th June - Junior Tour
- ✚ Wednesday 25th June - Senior Tour
- ✚ Monday 23rd June - 6th Class Graduation Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Friday 27th June - Monster Raffle & Cake Sale/Coffee Morning & Summer Holidays 12 noon

Kind Regards,
Lorraine Burke

