



A Thuismitheoirí agus a pháistí,
May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year. Please take some time to read our January newsletter.

Library Committee Update

2014 is here and the Library Committee hope to get a lot of work underway in the year ahead. Now that all the books are covered, we are moving on to our second phase which involves tagging and labelling all the books. Parents are asked to volunteer an hour or two of their time between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. on Thursday 23rd January. Thanks again, *The Library Committee.*

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will take place this year from January 26th - February 2nd. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Places of Faith and Learning. Children will take part in a number of activities during this week and we will celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic schools make, not only to their local communities, but to Irish society as a whole.

Green Schools

The Green School Committee are organising a slogan competition, presented as an artistic A4 poster, to come up with a new Green Code relating to biodiversity. Entries accepted from each mainstream classroom, will be judged by the Green Schools Committee, who will award a small prize to the winner in each classroom, to be announced at our next school assembly. *The Green Schools Committee*

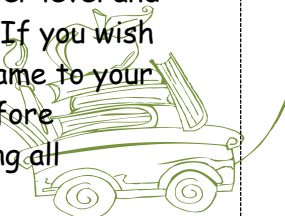
School Concert

We enjoyed a wonderful afternoon and evening of entertainment on Wednesday 18th December in the Community Hall. Our Infants excited us with their performance of Whoops A Daisy Angel. Rang I & II performed a colourful christmas play entitled 'Ralph the Reindeer', Rang III & IV recited poetry, played seasonal tunes on the tin whistle and sang beautifully. Rang V & VI staged a superb performance of Away with the Manger. The talents on display were fantastic and I would like to say well done and thanks to all involved. Also thanks to those who kindly donated very generous raffle prizes.



Ballinasloe Credit Union Schools Quiz

Ballinasloe Credit Union Quiz will take place in Scoil An Chroi Naofa (Society Street Ballinasloe) at 7.15 p.m. on **Friday the 31st January 2014**. As always two competitions will take place on the night. Competition A is for entrants not having reached their 11th birthday on or before 31st December 2013 and Competition B is for entrants not having reached their 13th birthday on or before 31st December 2013. The winning team in each category will go forward to represent Ballinalsoe Credit Union at Chapter level and hopefully to the National Finals. If you wish to participate please give your name to your class teacher (3rd - 6th) on or before Wednesday 22nd January. Wishing all participants our best wishes.



Secondary School Open Days & Parent Evenings

St. Joseph's College, Garbally

Students Open Day - Tuesday 21st January
(Collected from schools)

Open Day Saturday 25th January from 10am until
12.30 p.m.

Ardcoil Mhuire, Ballinalsoe

Students Open Day - Tuesday 21st January
(Collected from schools)

Open Night Thursday 23rd January @7.30 p.m.

Enrolments

It's that time of year again. We are now beginning the enrolment process for the school year 2014/2015. Please contact the school office to request an enrolment form if you wish to enrol children for September 2014 or download forms from the school website www.cappatagglens.com

Sport Update

GAA - Training will be getting underway in the next few weeks for the upcoming Mini 7's competitions. The girls will be up first on Wednesday 19th March here in Cappataggle in the Camogie blitz. This will be followed by the boys Football on Thursday 20th March, also held in Cappataggle. The following week the boys will be out hurling in Moylough on Wednesday 26th March and the girls football will be in Cappataggle on Thursday 27th March. We wish all of our teams and their coaches Mrs Coen, Mrs Gilmartin and Ms Mannion the very best of luck in these competitions.

Aughrim Soccer Sevens - We hope to enter a soccer team into this 7-aside competition on Saturday 8th March (venue to be confirmed). Children in the senior classes will start training sessions towards the end of this month. We look forward to encountering our near neighbours from Aughrim and Kilconnell on the sporting field in this fun new competition organised by Dara McAleer, St. Catherine's, Aughrim.



Office Hours

Our Secretary, Sheila, will be in the office Monday to Thursday 9.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. The office will be unattended on Fridays. Please leave a message on the telephone answering machine and we will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

Meetings

I am available to meet with parents before and after school Monday - Thursday by appointment only. Please ring Sheila in the school office to make an appointment.

Contact Details

We would like to remind parents to ensure that all contact details are correct and current - particularly your mobile phone numbers. This is essential in the case of an emergency. Please notify the school if your details have changed.

Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February Midterm Break
- ✚ Monday 17th March - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Friday 11th April - Easter Holidays 12 Noon
- ✚ School Reopens Monday 28th April
- ✚ Saturday 3rd May - Confirmation (time to be confirmed)
- ✚ Thursday 15th May 2014 - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 18th May 2014 - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Monday 23rd June 2014 - 6th Class Graduation Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Friday 27th June - Summer Holidays 12 Noon

