



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

Enrolments

It's that time of year again. We are now beginning the enrolment process for the school year 2016/2017. Please contact the school office to request an enrolment form if you wish to enrol children for September 2016 or download forms from the school website www.cappatagglens.com

School Open Evening

We will hold an open evening on Tuesday 15th March from 7pm - 8pm for all new enrolments for school year 2016/2017. Any parents interested in enrolling children in the coming school year are invited to attend. There will be a tour of the school, fun activities for the children, a short presentation about the school and refreshments provided on the night. Please spread the word to neighbours and friends who may be interested.

Operation Transformation

'Get fit! Get Healthy!' Cappataggle N.S. is on the move with Operation Transformation. For the next few weeks we will be getting fitter and healthier by running around the local running track during lunch times and making healthier food choices with our lunches. Watch this space to see how fit we can all be! Thanks to Ms Kerrigan for organising this great initiative.

School Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair was a fantastic event and everyone had a great day. There was a magical atmosphere right throughout the school. Children, staff & parents worked hard in the busy stalls selling beautiful arts and crafts made by the talented children of Cappataggle. Popular stalls amongst the children were "Guess the weight of the Turkey", "The Cappataggle Family Challenge" & "Jack Murray's Personalised Bird Houses stall". Santa's visit was a big hit with everyone and he even used our school bell to let everyone know he was coming! Panic set in throughout the school on Monday morning when we couldn't find the bell.....but thankfully we found it and Santa hadn't taken it back to the North Pole after all!

Children also enjoyed getting their faces painted, listening to the lovely traditional Irish music and watching the one and only "Home Alone" in our very own cinema. Parents enjoyed chilling out over a coffee in the coffee shop, buying cakes from the cake sale and of course the lovely carol singing at the end of the day! The Christmas raffle was a great success! We had lots of generous prizes to give away on the day including a hotel break away, generous vouchers, floral arrangements, amazing hampers and lots lots more. People were so generous in their donations in the weeks prior to the Fair. A big thanks to everyone who dropped prizes into the office.

A huge thank you to the parents association, volunteers, school staff and children who worked so hard in the weeks leading up to the fair and on the day. Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, pupils, past pupils and neighbours who came out to support our school.

Visit www.cappatagglens.com for more photos!



Secondary School Open Days & Parent Evenings

St. Joseph's College, Garbally

Students Open Day - Tuesday 26th January
(Collected from schools)

Open Day Saturday 30th January from 10am until
12.30 p.m.

Ardscoil Mhuire, Ballinalsoe

Students Open Day - Tuesday 26th January
(Collected from schools)

Open Night Thursday 28th January @7.30 p.m.

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Congratulations to Conal Nolan in Senior Infants
and Iosabélla Treacy in 2nd Class who are both
semi-finalists in this prestigious competition. We
wish both students every best wish in the next
round.



School Opening/Closing Times

We would like to remind you that the official
school opening time is 8.50am. Please note that
only children arriving by bus should be on the
premises before this time. Please be advised that
parents are responsible for children before this
time and children are not supervised or covered
by insurance. School closing times are 1.30pm for
Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes. Please
ensure your child/children are collected on time.
Your co-operation in this matter is very much
appreciated. Children arriving on the bus are
reminded to wait in school shelter on rainy days.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will take place this year
from January 31st - February 6th. The theme this
year is *Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim
God's Mercy*. 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.

Sport Update

GAA - Training will be getting underway in the
next few weeks for the upcoming Mini 7's
competitions. We wish all of our teams and their
coaches the very best of luck in these
competitions.



Office Hours

Our Secretary, Mary, is in the office everyday
Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. until 1.30 p.m. In the
event that you need to contact us outside these
hours please leave a message on the telephone
answering machine and we will endeavour to get
back to you as soon as possible.

Ballinasloe Credit Union Schools Quiz

Ballinasloe Credit Union Quiz will take place in
Scoil An Chroí Naofa (Society Street Ballinasloe)
at 7p.m. on **Friday the 29th January 2016**. 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 2015 and Competition B is for entrants
not having reached their 13th birthday on or
before 31st December 2015. The winning team in
each category will go forward to represent
Ballinalsoe Credit Union at Chapter level and
hopefully to the National Finals. We have four
teams representing our school and we send all
participants our best wishes.

Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Thursday 18th February - Friday 19th
February Midterm Break
- ✚ Wednesday 16th March - Easter Holidays
12 Noon
- ✚ School Reopens Monday 4th April
- ✚ Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Saturday 7th May - Confirmation Mass
- ✚ Thursday 12th May- First Confession Mass
7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 15th May - First Communion Mass
11am
- ✚ Monday 6th June - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Monday 20th June - 6th Class Graduation
Mass
- ✚ Tuesday 21st June - Sports Day & Prize
Giving
- ✚ Friday 24th June - Summer Holidays 12
Noon

