



Scoil Naomh Feichín Termonfeckin



School Newsletter – Jan/Feb 2017



The last few weeks have flown by since we returned to school after the Christmas Holidays. We were delighted to see such a great turnout for the Christmas concerts with all four performances sold out. The children really enjoyed the opportunity of performing on stage for their parents, grandparents and siblings. It was very clear that an immense amount of work was put into getting the shows ready and we were delighted that everything went so well. All those who ordered DVDs of the shows should have them very soon.



Catholic Schools Week 2017



**Catholic Schools:
Learning
with Pope Francis
to Care for
Our Common Home**



Catholic Schools Week takes place this week from Jan 29th – Feb 4th. The theme this year is ***Catholic Schools: Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home***.

The daily themes are as follows:

Monday: Seeing the beauty of our common home

Tuesday: Caring for our common home

Wednesday: Grandparents: Watching over our common home

Thursday: Protecting our common home

Friday: Sharing our common home

On Sunday last we launched Catholic Schools Week in our parish with a special Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Some of the pupils held up banners with the themes for the week and the girls and boys in the choir, led by Mrs McCluskey, enriched the ceremony with their singing.



ENROLMENT OF NEW PUPILS

We are now requesting fully completed enrolment application forms from parents/guardians who wish to apply for a school place for their child for the start of the school year 2017/18. Forms are available from the school office and must be returned by February 17th at the latest. We also have some places available for pupils who wish to enrol in other classes.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – WED. Feb 1st

It has become traditional in our school to organise a special day for grandparents during Catholic Schools Week. On Wednesday of this week the grandparents of our second class pupils are invited to the school for a special ceremony and refreshments. The children really look forward to this special day every year.



Sincere thanks to all those families who donated non-perishable food items for our annual collection for the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul. All of this food was divided up into several hampers and distributed to families in the Termonfeckin area. We also organised a raffle among the pupils before the holidays and €405 was raised which we donated to Drogheda Homeless Aid. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

Healthy Eating Programme

The Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme is back and will run in the school for the next few weeks. Food Dudes is a programme developed by the University of Wales, Bangor, to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home. Pupils are encouraged to try out different fruits and vegetables which are delivered free of charge to the school each morning. The programme in Ireland received a "counteracting obesity" award from the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 2006. The programme is managed by Bord Bia and to date over 3,100 primary schools have participated. Funding has been made available by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the EU School Fruit Scheme for schools.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Mrs Cassidy (Junior Infants) and Ms Campbell (4th Class) will be arranging their Parent-Teacher Meetings over the next week or two.

Credit Union Quiz 2017

This year 56 pupils from both of our parish schools competed in the preliminary round of the primary schools quiz competition organised by the Credit Union. Scoil Naomh Feichin pupils came out on top in the U-13 section and also in the U-11 section and both of these teams will now compete in the regional final in the Nuremore Hotel on March 9th. Our school also claimed the runners-up spot in the U-11 category. Congratulations to all of the pupils involved and to Mrs Fahy, the quiz co-ordinator.



Scoil Naomh Feichin - Winners of U-13 Credit Union Primary Schools Quiz 2017
Caelum Dolan, Peter McNulty, Val Smyth (Termonfeckin Credit Union),
Edie Ryan, Teigan Kavanagh & teacher, Mrs Fiona Fahy.



Credit Union



Scoil Naomh Feichin - Runners Up in the U-11 Section of the 2017 Credit Union Quiz.
Liam Hall, Matthew Byrne, Elena Ortega and Alisha Matthews
with Val Smyth, Termonfeckin Credit Union and teacher, Mrs Fiona Fahy.



Scoil Naomh Feichin - Winners of the U-11 Section of the 2017 Credit Union Primary Schools Quiz.
Ben Devlin, Olivia Byrne, Ellen Feeney & Abi McArdle
with Val Smyth, Termonfeckin Credit Union and teacher, Mrs Fiona Fahy.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to all parents who supported our School Book Fair last term. As a result of the number of books purchased, the school now has € 958 of credit with the company to purchase books for our pupils to use in school.

School Construction NEWS

The latest news on the school extension is that a number of contractors have submitted detailed tenders for the school extension and refurbishment project and the Design Team are currently checking these tender documents before the Department of Education appoints a contractor to commence construction.



CHESS CLUB

This year there are almost 50 pupils playing chess in our school on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. The class leagues will run up until the Easter holidays and the school team will also be competing in the Drogheda Primary Schools Chess League. The schools in our section this year are Scoil Aonghusa, St Joseph's, Sunday's Gate and Gaelscoil an Bhradáin Feasa, Mornington.

THANK YOU FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

On behalf of the Parents Association, we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your generous prize donations and ticket purchases during our school's December Christmas Concerts. The raffle was a tremendous success raising a total of €1,550.00, meaning we are now in a position to purchase a PA system for our school. Also being reviewed for purchase is an innovative mathematical resource, IZak9. Your efforts really are helping to make a difference to all our children's learning and development. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th February at 8pm, and for the remainder of the year our meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of every month. All are very welcome, as support will be required for our upcoming First Holy Communion and Confirmation's on May 13th & 27th respectively.

Regards,

Melissa Murphy (Chairperson)

Ann Briscoe (Secretary)

Ann Marie Martin (Treasurer).

