



e-ZINE January 2018

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NEW!

Exciting Fundraising Event

Our School Board of Management and Parents Association are holding A Cookery Demonstration by Celebrity TV Chef CATHERINE FULVIO on Friday, 2nd March 2018, at the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris. Wine Reception begins at 7pm, with the event starting at 8pm. The evening will also include a Local Artisan Food Display and Brown Bread Competition – more details in due course. Tickets are €20 each. Proceeds will be used for our School; we are hoping to purchase new resources such as interactive whiteboards for classrooms and playground markings; with part-proceeds also going to Mayo-Roscommon Hospice. Further information is available from Joe 086 2938216 or Claire 087 7817025.

Tickets will be available from Heneghan's Costcutter; Life Pharmacy, Knock; Mayo/Roscommon Hospice Office, Knock; Maura's Corner Shop; John Shannon's Butchers, Kiltimagh; Seamus Caulfield's Shop, Ballyhaunis and The McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris. Tickets will also be available to purchase from the school office at 1.50 to 2.10pm and 2.50 to 3.10pm daily from 17th January.

Thank you to the parents who attended the important information meetings, who all took a batch of tickets each to sell on behalf of the school. We are now asking that all parents who were unable to attend these meetings to also sell tickets. Therefore, next Monday we will send home two tickets to each family requesting that they purchase one or two themselves, or sell them for us. **All ticket proceeds along with any unsold tickets should be returned to the school by Friday 26th January please.** Your assistance in helping with this important fundraiser for our school would be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hip Hop

The pupils from Junior and Senior Infants, 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes will participate Hip Hop sessions, starting on Tuesday 23rd January for 5 weeks. The cost is €2 per child per session please. Unfortunately, only children who pay can attend. Pupils from 4th to 6th classes will get the chance to participate after mid-term, dates to be advised.

Hurling

Training sessions for hurling will commence on Thursday 1st February and continue for 4 weeks during school for pupils from 3rd to 6th classes. The children are asked to bring in helmets and hurleys if they have them. It is envisaged they will then take part in Cuman na mBunscol hurling blitz in April.



Swimming

Swimming lessons:

4th to 6th classes: Tuesdays 9th January to 13th February 2018; 1st to 3rd classes: Mondays 19th February to 9th April 2018 (last lesson is on the day we return from the Easter holidays). Full payment for 1st to 3rd classes is required by 9th February 2018 please. Please note if you have previously advised that your child/ren will attend swimming and they then do not attend the course, you will still be required to pay the cost of transport, as this cost is divided equally between the number of children using the transport.

Enrolment/Open Evening



We will be holding an enrolment information open evening on Wednesday 31st January at 7.30pm. All parents/guardians who wish to enrol their child/children for September 2018 are invited to attend.



Music

Music lessons for 2nd to 6th class pupils will re-commence on Thursday 8th February and will run on a fortnightly basis thereafter until 14th June, on Feb 8th; 22nd; Mar 8th; 22nd; May 3rd; 17th; 31st; Jun 14th; a total of 8 lessons. The cost per child for 8 lessons will be €24; full payment is required in advance please, **no later than Tuesday 6th February 2018**. (Cheques should be made payable to Anne McLoughlin). Information letter has been sent out with the children, a copy of which is also enclosed with this e-Zine and also on the school website.



Athletics

Each class will attend Athletics in Claremorris as follows:

Ms Nally's class: Monday 12th February

Ms Sarsfield's class and some of The Haven: Wednesday 14th February

Ms Horkan's class: Wednesday 21st February

Ms McNeive's class and some of The Haven: Thursday 22nd February

Ms Coyle's class: date to be advised

Cost per child is €5.50; full payment is required the day **BEFORE** event please.



Assembly

As part of Catholic Schools' week (28th January to 3rd February) and to celebrate Grandparents' Day, we will be having an assembly on 31st January at 11.15am. As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to attend the assembly and join us for refreshments afterwards.



Schedule of our School Assemblies at 12noon, dates to be advised

March: Lenten/St Patrick's

April: Easter

May: Mary's month

June: End of Year

As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to join us at our assemblies and masses.

Sacraments



Please note the Parish Church and Apparition Chapel will be closed for refurbishment from October 2017 to April 2018.

Do this in Memory masses at 7.30pm in the Basilica: 10th February; 24th March.

First Confessions: Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reconciliation Chapel.

First Holy Communion Retreat: Thursday 26th April 2018.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11am in the Parish Church.

Confirmation: No Confirmation in the Parish this year.



Grupa Cheoil: each Monday from 3-3.45pm, for 3rd to 6th classes.



Irish Dancing: each Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, €3 per child please payable directly to the dancing teacher.



Football Training: No training until further notice.



Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to announce we raised a total of €640 in our Christmas Raffles, which has been used towards the purchase of new playground equipment. Many thanks to you all for your continued support and generosity.

Calendars

2018 calendars commemorating the school's 50th anniversary are still available for sale in school and in Heneghan's Shop at €5 each. One of the photos on the calendar is of all the school children in the formation of a 50.



Cash for Clobber

We hope to have our next Cash for Clobber collection in the very near future. Again, we are collecting old but usable clothes, pairs of shoes (in a separate bag please), hats, bags, household linen, towels, etc. Ask your family and friends if they have any items to contribute. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new Chrome books. Bags will be sent home with the children in due course. If you run out of cash for clobber bags, you can use any refuse bags. If you do not have anything to put in the bags please return the bag to the school.



Payments



When there are payments due to the school that can be paid online, you will receive an email/text message with the details of what is due and how to pay. **Wherever possible we ask parents to pay online as per the instructions in the payment messages and not to send payment in to the school;** this is for a more streamlined and effective payment system, in turn reducing the amount of money held in the school, number of trips required to lodge at the bank etc. However, there will still be some payments that cannot be paid through e-payments such as amounts that are for less than €5, in such cases payments (wherever possible in the correct amount only) should be sent into the school. Going forward, the school will be holding less and less cash, which in turn means it will become more difficult to produce change for future cash payments.

The following payments are now very overdue or have become due to the school and you will continue to receive e-payment requests until payment is received:

Supplementary Resources: €20 per child in the school.

Mathletics: €8 per child in 1st to 6th classes. Thank you to those who have made payments to date. **For outstanding payments, we would be obliged if these payments could be made to the school immediately please, to ensure these services are made available to your children.**

Other payments currently due for payment:

Music for 2nd to 6th classes; full payment due by 6th February please.

Swimming for 1st to 3rd classes; full payment due by 9th February please.

Athletics for all classes, payment required the day before the event please.

All queries regarding payments should be directed to the school secretary and not the class teachers.

School Office Opening Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10am to 3.30pm; Wednesdays: 11.30am-3.30pm.

Closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.30pm.



School Calendar 2017-2018:

February Mid Term: Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February.

St Patrick's Day: School closed Monday 19th March.

Easter: Monday 26th March to Friday 6th April. School closes at 3pm on Friday 23rd March and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 9th April.

In Service Training: School closed Thursday 19th April 2018 to facilitate Teacher training.

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 7th to Friday 11th May. (First Holy Communion is Saturday 5th May). School re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 14th May.

June Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 4th June.

Summer Holidays: School closes at 12noon on Friday 29th June.

As always, we would invite you all to refer to the school website, www.knockns.ie, for news and regular updates from the school, including pictures, videos etc from our various events and class activities. Email queries should be directed to admin@knockns.ie