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NEWSLETTER - February 2021

Welcome to the February 2021 Newsletter.

As you are aware we are now in 'remote learning mode' This is very challenging for pupils, parents and teachers. We have put in place a new timetable to accommodate distance learning, this ensures more structure and hopefully avoids over burdening the boys with excess work. I would encourage parents to check that their sons are engaging in the learning process. We know online learning can be very stressful at times, trying to juggle and balance all our commitments and responsibilities. We are only human and can only do our best in our own unique set of circumstances. Should you have any difficulty with the online learning please contact the relevant class teacher. I wish you all a safe time during this restricted period, hopefully we will be back in school in the not too distant future. Please see the website for examples of the boys' fantastic online learning. Enjoy the newsletter.



Internet Safety Tips For Parents:

- Ensure that your son is not using games or Apps which are not suitable for his age group.



PA Spending: Thank you again to our PA for all of their fundraising efforts so far this school-year, despite all of the challenges faced. With the money they have raised, we were able to spend the money on some great new resources for the boys:

- 2nd Class: Storybooks from *Easons*
- 3rd Class: A book-rack from *ABC Supplies*
- 4th Class: White-Board from *Viking Supplies*
- 5th Class: Leabhair Gaeilge from *Siopa Leabhar*
- 6th Class: Training Bibs from *SC Sport*
- SEN: *Nessy Learning Programmes*



Voluntary Contributions: Many thanks to all who have contributed so far this year. Payments are welcome at any time.



Board of Management: The following policies were ratified at the January Board meeting: Child Protection, Anti-Bullying & Sustainable Energy/Green Schools.



Sports News: Unfortunately, it looks like we will be remote learning for another few weeks yet. Fortunately, we had been very active at school last term with our weekly GAA session with Mark Brennan from Cuala. Our basketball with Ed Randolph had been going very well also with all classes having completed some or all of their sessions before Christmas. Hopefully it won't be too long before we will be back at school and can continue with our P.E. curriculum.



Tips for Staying Active at Home:

Here are some ideas of ways to stay fit and healthy while at home:

1. **PE with Joe Wicks:** https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=pe+with+joe+wicks
2. **10@10** (available in English or Gaeilge): <https://rtejr.rte.ie/10at10/>
3. **Cúla4 ar Scoil:** <https://www.cula4.com/en/shows/cula4-ar-scoil/>
4. **GoNoodle** (movement videos): www.gonoodle.com
5. **Cosmic Kids Yoga:** <https://cosmickids.com/watch/>

Also, remember to go outside for a walk, cycle or scoot every day if possible.

If you are taking part in any of the above activities, be sure to share a photograph or video with your teacher on *Seesaw* or *Edmodo*, as we love to keep up to date with what everyone is up to at home! 😊



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 12 th	Midterm Break 2.30 p.m.
March 17 th	Public Holiday - St. Patrick's Day
March 26 th	12 noon to April 12 th 8.50 a.m. - Easter Holidays

Le gach dea ghuí,

Teresa Buckley
Principal