

Kilcolgan Educate Together



January 2014
Happy New Year!
GONG HEY FAT CHOY!



The children have settled nicely into the 2nd term and are looking forward to lots more learning activities in the months ahead. This week, the children are learning about Chinese New Year traditions to coincide with the beginning of the Year of the Horse. **GONG HEY FAT CHOY!**

Calendar

Feb 1st- St Brigid's Day
(Christianity)
Feb 9th- 15th Engineers Week
Feb 12th - Darwin Day
Feb 12th - Parinirvana
(Buddhism)
Feb 14th - Valentine's Day
Feb 17th - 21st Mid Term Break
Feb 24th - March 10th Fairtrade
Fortnight
Feb 27th - One Day Together
(celebrates Educate Together
Movement)

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Birthdays



Frederic (1st) - 2nd Jan
Nuala (JI) - 3rd Jan
Sadhbh (JI) - 3rd Jan
James (JI) - 4th Jan
Rebecca (JI) - 7th Jan
Harry (JI) - 8th Jan
Caoimhe (JI) - 12th Jan
Euan (JI) - 12th Jan
Rosa (3rd) - 15th Jan
Saidhbhan (2nd) - 17th Jan
Jessica (SI) - 20th Jan
Lianna (JI) - 22nd Jan
Matilda (6th) - 25th Jan
Oscar (3rd) - 27th Jan
Luan (5th) - 28th Jan
Rose (1st) - 31st Jan



Allergy Alert

We would like to remind you that there are a number of children who have nut allergies, so we ask you not to include nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sick Children

It can sometimes be tricky to determine whether your child is fit for school. The following may be of help when deciding: pain, appearance, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, fatigue, persistent cough, sore throat, red, runny eyes or rashes. We ask that you keep a sick child at home as he or she won't gain anything from being at school and may be contagious to other children.



Health Problems

We are reviewing our medical policy and need to update information regarding children's particular health problems, such as an allergy, asthma, etc. Please let class teacher know if your child has any health condition we should be made aware of.

Punctuality



A settled start to the day is important. Thank you for making sure your child is in class and ready for the school day by 9am. Children can be dropped from 8:50. Teachers are at school before 8:50 but are unavailable to supervise the children as they are preparing classes, attending meetings or dealing with other school business. Prompt collection at the end of the day is also important. Children get anxious when waiting after everyone else has been collected. It is essential that you are on time to collect your child at 1:40 for Infants and 2:40 for all other classes.

Spelling Workshop



There will be a repeat of the Spelling Workshop at 2:45pm, on Tuesday, 11th February, in the 2nd class classroom.

Safe Driving

Following a near miss accident outside O'Donoghue's Pub, at drop off time, last Friday morning, we request that all drivers follow the one way system when approaching and leaving school.

- Enter at Raftery's Rest and exit at O'Donoghue's Pub.
- The area in front of school must be kept clear at all times for school bus drop off and pick up.
- Space must be left clear to allow cars to pass while buses are waiting to drop off and pick up the children.
- If you need to come into school, please do not park in front of O'Donoghue's - park further down towards Raftery's Rest.
- If parking at O'Donoghues, please reverse into the space to ensure a safe exit.
- Do not pick up, drop off or park at the back of O'Donoghue's.
- Do not drop children off on the main N18 - it is extremely dangerous for them to walk past cars and buses to get into school.

This system will only work if everybody complies with all the steps.



Calling all Engineers

If you are an engineer and you are available to come into school, to talk to classes about your job, during Engineers Week (Feb 9th -15th), we would love to hear from you. Contact your child's class teacher.



Book Fair Success

The Book Fair was a great success! As a result, the school has 545 euro to spend on books. Thanks to all who supported the Fair.

Credit Union Schools Quiz

Well done to the two teams who participated in the Credit Union Quiz. We are delighted that the senior team will be going on to the next round.



Green Schools Committee



The Green School's Committee has had a very busy month. See the action plan on the Green School's notice board - this outlines all the things we are undertaking in order to achieve the green flag for energy. The committee has designed badges and are wearing them with pride! They have been disseminating the message of energy conservation to all classes. Last week all classes watched a short programme called *The Story of Energy*. Classroom spot checks are still being undertaken - results have been mostly positive! ESB meters are being read on a daily basis. Energy consumption is up marginally in the new prefabs so we'll be monitoring this. The committee has also come up with a green code which comprises of what they feel are the top 10 things we should be striving to do in school and at home. This week each class will they will get the opportunity to vote for what they believe the top 5 should be. Our application for the flag will be submitted by the end of the month and we are confident that all our hard work will pay off. **Top tip: turn off appliances on standby.**



Bi-lingual Families

There is an information leaflet, available in school, on the importance and benefits of developing and maintaining home languages. If you are interested in getting a copy please contact Mary.

Gaelic Training

After school Gaelic training will be held on Thursdays at Ballinderreen pitch, starting Feb. 6th. Parents will need to make their own transport arrangements to get the children from school to the pitch. Pick up time from pitch approx. 4pm. Please ensure children have suitable shoes, rain gear and gum shields.



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