19/01/2023

Dear Parents/guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to warmer weather.

**Junior Infant Enrolment 2023/2024**

Offer letters were issued last week. If you have any questions about enrolment please contact the school.

**First Confession Date:**

The First Confession ceremony for Communion Class will take place on Wednesday 28th February at 1:30 pm in the church.

**1st Class Boys Enrolment in St Joseph’s BNS**

Boys received their enrolment forms on Monday 16th. Please make sure these forms are returned to St Joseph’s school.

**Rewards for good yard lines**

6th class recently had a cupcake decorating day and 3rd class and Senior infants had pyjama days for achieving their star targets on yard. Well done everyone.

**RSE Programme**

The RSE programme is currently being taught in all classes with elements of the Stay Safe programme being revisited as the need arises. Please take some time at home to discuss it with your child/children.

**Electric Scooters**

These scooters are not permitted at school.

**HSE Medical Advice**

The school follows HSE advice regarding all illnesses. Please be mindful of the guidance and advice around returning to school after an illness. Children must be at 48 hours symptom free before returning to school.

**STEM Environmental Awareness Workshops**

Children from 3rd and 6th classes participated in STEM workshops on Thursday 12th. 3rd class learned about Plastic Problems and 6th class participated in a Climate Heroes workshop. Thanks to Ms Gregson for organising these events.

**Food Dudes**

Food Dudes Healthy Eating programme commenced yesterday and will be run for 8 days in our senior classes and 16 days in our junior classes. It is an excellent opportunity for children to try out new fruits and vegetables. Ms Greene and Ms Doherty are leading this initiative

**Library and Round Tower Visits**

Our younger classes are visiting the library and round tower centre this term, this is a great opportunity to develop good reading habits and become familiar with the library and local history.Thanks to Ms Kelly for organising.

**Basketball Coaching**

We were delighted to welcome scholarship student Amelia to our school last week. She will coach classes 3rd to 6th for the next month.

**GAA training**

Training with Ms Warde, Ms Murphy and Ms Crowley is back on next Wednesday afternoon.

**Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week runs from 22nd – 28th January. This year’s theme is walking together in faith and love.

**Grandparents Day**

We would like to invite all of our wonderful Junior Infant grandparents to the school to celebrate Grandparents Day next Friday, the 27th of January at 1pm. Grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchild's classroom, and have a chat about how school was different in their day.

**Art Project with Coláiste Bríde**

1st class visited Coláiste Bríde on Wednesday 18th, and were thrilled to see the stories they told the students represented in art form. Thanks to all the girls in Coláiste Bríde and their teacher Ms O’Reilly for an amazing event.

**School Assembly**

Our next whole school assembly will take place on Friday 27th January. We will celebrate our Principal Prize winners, our Handwriting Hero monthly winners and have performances from Ms Warde’s and Ms Kelly’s classes.

**Saint Ita**

The feast day of Saint Ita was celebrated on the 15th January. On Friday 13th January we held a prayer service in our school hall and remembered the wisdom and virtues of St Ita. Thanks to Ms Dempsey for organising the service.

**SIPA**

***Cash for Clothes***

The school has an account with WeBuyClothing, located at Unit 10, Village Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin. Please keep this in mind if you are having a Spring clear out.

***School Book Fair***

Our school book fair will take place from 8th – 10th February.

**Additional Bank Holiday 2023**

The school will be closed on February 6th as this is a new bank holiday.

**Midterm Break and Sherpa Kids**

The school is on midterm break for a week, from Monday 13th – Friday 17th February. **Please note Sherpa Kids childcare service will remain open.** Sherpa Kids service sent information to all parents about holiday childcare for that week.

**Student Council**

The student council are planning a non-uniform day for Friday 3rd February.

**Green Initiatives**

**WOW**

Our walk on Wednesday winners this week were; Room 5 – Ms Warde’s class and Room 13 – Ms O’Brien’s class. Well done to all.

**We want BATTERIES**

Battery Boxes are now located on the table opposite Michelle’s office. Please send in your batteries to be recycled.

Reminder regarding hand towels; could children from 1st – 6th classes please use their own small hand towels, we ask this in an effort to reduce our paper towel waste.

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website [www.scoilideclondalkin.com](http://www.scoilideclondalkin.com)

**Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.**