



Newsletter December 1st 2020

Congratulations to Koshi Tamura (Ms Wood's 3rd class) who wrote a story during lockdown. This story has just been published in the Lighthouse Storybook. 19 children from all over Ireland were selected (from 1500 entries!!) and this book is now on sale in aid of the Children's Hospital (10 euro donation and 3 euro postage). This would make a nice Christmas present or stocking filler. You can find the book here:

<https://childreninhospital.ie/lighthousestories/>

KOSHI TAMURA | CO. GALWAY



A diamond in the sky

Once upon a time there was a lighthouse which shone like a diamond in the night sky.

A young lighthouse keeper lived there alone. She had fiery red hair and she was a trainee witch, who was embarrassed because she couldn't fly. She took the job because she had social anxiety.

One dark night a vain pirate skeleton saw

The lighthouse keeper immediately fell in love. She felt so good she felt like she was flying again. "Will you marry me?" she asked as she handed him a priceless diamond ring.

The Skeleton Pirate said, "No, but I'll take that there ring." He grabbed it and put it on his bony finger and sprinted away as fast as he could to his ship.



Further congratulations to our 4th class pupil Matthew Yoon, in Mrs Connelly's 4th class who was recently awarded A Certificate of Commendations. From over 25,000 applicants Matthew's piece of art was one of the chosen few to come to the Judge's attention. Unfortunately, we do not have a copy of Matthews piece of art but maybe in time it will make its way back to the school.

School Admission September 2021 - Enrolment now open for new entrants.

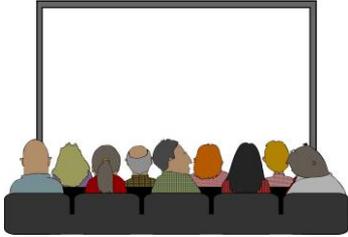
Please look at our School Admission policy and notice on our school website and submit application should you wish to enrol your son (new entrant) for September 2021. info@oranmoreboysns.ie

Admissions application form available on website under the 'Parents' tab. Or contact the office for a copy of same.



When a pupil has been absent for 15 days you will be sent a text to bring awareness of the number of days your child has been absent. Another text will be sent at 20 days with a reference to Tusla being notified.

This year due to Covid isolation requirements we will have children who will reach 20 days absence early in the school year. Our text should not cause alarm, we are following procedure. Once we have received notification from you as to why your child is absent you do not need to be concerned. Tusla contact the school and in turn the parents when a child has a notable history of absenteeism and we are concerned about the number of days lost.

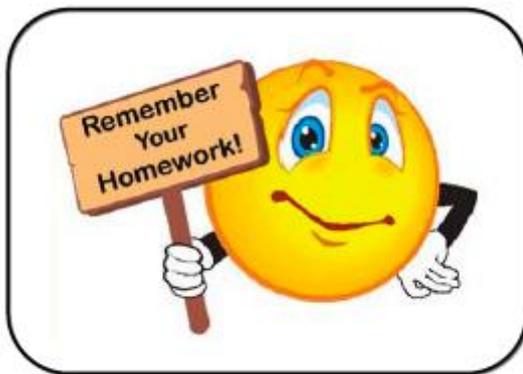


Reminder Staff Meeting this Friday. Children finish at 1 pm and 12 50pm for those on early dismissal. (1st and 5/6th class)



Advent began on Sunday. This is the season which prepares us for the coming of Christ, the season of Christmas and Advent is a traditional time for giving and receiving.

We will be looking at ways we can support a charity of the school's choice on Friday.



The amount of Homework will be reduced over the coming weeks on the lead up to Christmas.

The boys have worked hard over the last few weeks and months and deserve a little let up in the amount of homework they are currently getting.



Please ensure that your son wears a hi-vis vest if he is walking, cycling or scooting to school.

Please also ensure your sons uniforms and coats are labelled.



Oranmore Soprano Helen Hancock is delighted to present a virtual evening of opera, oratorio, chamber music and festive favourites in aid of Galway Simon Community. The exclusive performance will be filmed from the beautiful surroundings of Armorica restaurant in Oranmore, and exclusively available to view from the comfort of your own home on Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm The program, which will appeal to a broad audience, is set to feature sacred and opera music by Handel, Bach and Mozart, excerpts from Mozart string quartets KV157 and KV172 and Christmas favourites.

Helen is joined by special guest, international tenor Owen Gilhooly who is her friend, mentor and teacher. Helen is excited to work with a newly formed string quartet consisting of Sinead Hayes violin, Rozanne Botha violin, Tom Murphy viola and Adrian Ivičević cello. Sinead Hayes is a conductor, composer and violinist now based back home in Galway. Rozanne and Tom are friends and colleagues of Helen's at Coole Music and Arts and are well known teachers and performers in Galway and Limerick. Adrian, a Croatian native is in his second year of the MA in Classical String Performance in the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance and ICO.

Tickets for this virtual event are available at <https://galwaysimon.ie/events/o-holy-night-concert/> and are priced at €10 per household. With the option also available to purchase an additional ticket as a gift for half price. A link will be emailed to all ticket holders on Friday 5th December and the link will remain live for 7 days after the event. Tickets can be purchased throughout