



## Newsletter Feb 15<sup>th</sup>



### **Dates to Remember**

**Mid Term 23<sup>rd</sup> ,24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

**Staff meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March – school finishes at 1 pm....staggered home times..12 50pm for 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.**



Our Online Book Fair is buzzing, we've had lots of deliveries already and we're absolutely delighted with the response.

Due to requests **we are extending the date until Sunday 20th at midnight**, so there is still time to buy!!!

The book fair is open 24 hours, and all week and weekend, so you can shop from the comfort of home. With over 2,000 choices there is something to suit all tastes and pockets. Remember, **our school gets 50% of your purchases back in free books**, and we can't wait to start picking our books.

### **To order online**

Please ensure you use this link, if you buy on the main site our school will not get the commission.

To order click on <https://bookfair.tarabookco.ie/>

click on **shop now**

**Password 04506F Click on school Oranmore Boys NS**

### **Thurs 3rd March is World Book Day.- Children can dress up as their favourite characters**

All children in Ireland receive a token worth €1.50 so they can get a free Wbd book.

To facilitate this online we have reduced the Wbd books to .01C .

Simply key in Wbd in the search and choose your free book,

Please adhere to one book per child.

If you are buying for more than one child you can add a note when ordering.



**Heritage Keepers** Ms. Mc. Donagh's fifth class are taking part in The 'Heritage Keepers' programme to discover their local heritage. The 'Heritage Keepers' programme is an opportunity for the boys to learn more about their local area of Oranmore and how they can work together to look after it and each other. Over five 2-hour workshops the boys will plan actions to enhance their local area

### **School Mag 2022**

Help needed : If there are any graphic designers willing to help out please let us know by emailing [info@oranmoreboysns.ie](mailto:info@oranmoreboysns.ie)

We have a parent who has designed the mag over last two years and she is happy to continue but she would love and need a little help if anyone with such expertise is available.

We are delighted to announce that our school magazine is going ahead this year. We would like the boys to contribute to the school magazine with articles of their choice. Teachers have worked with the boys as part of the literacy programme on many of the writing genre. Boys are now invited to choose one of their favourite stories written in class, or write another story of choice for the school Mag.

We would like parents to type your son's article and forward by email to the class teacher before Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

In order to produce our school magazine we are seeking sponsorship from local businesses in return for placing an advertisement in the magazine.

The advertisements which we can offer are as follows:

**Half page - €50**

**Full page - €100**

The advertisements will be printed in colour. This is a great opportunity to promote your business in our school community.

If you are interested in taking up one of these offers, I would appreciate if you could contact me at [majella.lavelle@oranmoreboysns.ie](mailto:majella.lavelle@oranmoreboysns.ie) to discuss how we can proceed going forward.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Debating

This morning our 6<sup>th</sup> class debating team participate in an interschool debating competition via zoom. We are very proud of the boys who put themselves forward to be part of the team. A wonderful experience for life. It is great to see pre Covid school activities come to life again,

### Sports News



We are delighted to welcome back our GAA coaches to support the teachers and boys develop their football and hurling skills. All classes will eventually be timetabled for this extra training.

We are also very appreciative for the input from Connacht Rugby & Corinthians in providing in school training on a weekly basis.

Great to give children a try out of all sports at this young age.

\*\*Galwegians Rugby for the next 4 weeks are promoting both Boys & Girls – **“GIVE Rugby A TRY in your Local Oranmore Community”**. From Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb to Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March Give Rugby a Try for Free from 10am to 11am - location Oranmore 3G & Astro cages. Please bring along your school friends, neighbours, cousins & family members to Try out Non-contact fun activity games & skills.

See flyer attached.

Last week we sent out a google forms survey to all families looking to gather some feedback on your understanding of our Child Safeguarding policies- Anti Bullying Policies – RSE policies etc.

The following is a snapshot of the responses we gathered,

- 1) All who responded felt very welcome in the school.
- 2) All who responded felt their child was safe and looked after in the school.
- 3) 98% of respondents felt their child was treated with respect by teachers.
- 4) 98% of respondents felt their child was treated with respect by school personnel.
- 5) 96% of respondents answered yes to being informed of the school Anti Bullying policy. (It is available on our school webpage [www.oranmoreboysns.ie](http://www.oranmoreboysns.ie) Hard copy always available from the office on request.
- 6) 96% of respondents answered yes to being informed of the schools Child Safeguarding Statement (see website)

**Please Note. The School has just undertaken its annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement.**

- 7) 90% of respondents know who to approach if they have a child safeguarding concern. – all concerns to go through the DLP – or the DDLP

Designated Liaison Person is Maeve Meenaghan (Principal & DLP)

Deputy Designated Liaison person is JoAnn Coyne ( Deputy Principal and DDLP)

- 8) 90% of respondents know who to approach if their child experiences bullying
  - Class Teacher as a first communication
  - Principal
- 9) 98% of respondents feel that the school would act promptly if they had a child safeguarding concern.
- 10) 98% of respondents feel that the school would act promptly if they had a bullying concern.
- 11) 90% of respondents feel that the school helps their child develop social and personal skills. 10% were unsure. –
- 12) 80% of respondents are familiar with the fact that their child learns about bullying in school. –  
**All children receive both formal and informal classes on bullying. Pre Covid whole school assemblies during anti bullying week.**
- 13) 70% of respondents are aware that their child learns about RSE relationships and sexuality in school. 30% of parents do not know.

**All children learn about RSE in school** as part of the school curriculum. Parents are informed prior to the classes happening. Every class receive RSE lessons appropriate to their age and dictated by the curriculum.

The link below is a support page for parents. All RSE lessons are available for parents to view if requested.

<https://www.pdst.ie/sites/default/files/RSE%20in%20Primary%20School%20Parent%20Tips.pdf>

Thank you to all who completed the survey. It very much supported and aided our research. The survey/ link is still available to complete if you wish to do so.

<https://forms.gle/tVXEyhAW4XXJPdMy7>



As the weather is getting better and the mornings are bright it would be great to see more boys making an effort to walk, cycle or scoot to school. We would like if the boys would make a special effort on Wednesdays and participate in the national COW (Cycle on Wednesday) and WOW (walk on Wednesday) initiatives. We will be running competitions within the school to see which classes are making the most effort at coming to school in an environmentally friendly way.

We know from research that walking, cycling or scooting to school not only helps the environment but also benefits learning once the children arrive in school. We hope that all the boys will abide by the rules of the road and all cyclists will wear a helmet.

Greens Schools Committee.

