



Newsletter April 5th 2022



Dates to Remember

Friday April 8th – School finishes at 12 pm for all for Easter holidays.

Monday May 2nd – May Bank holiday

Monday May 16th - School Closed to facilitate our final staff meeting and training for staff as per department guidelines.

Anti Bullying –Annual Review 2022

The Board of Management recently completed our Anti Bullying Annual review for the school year 21-22. We looked at cases that were formally reported and recorded as per Anti Bullying Guidelines 2013.

Our Anti Bullying policy is always available to view on our school website www.oranmoreboysns.ie

Just to remind you that if a parent/child approaches a teacher with an alleged bullying incident the class teacher observes/investigates etc over a period of time (20 school days) before he/she establishes that bullying has/is taking place. Once the relevant teacher establishes that bullying has/is occurring it is formally reported to the Principal and this is formally recorded as per anti Bullying 2013 guidelines.

As always we work hard at preventative measures to ensure all the boys feel safe in school. Relationships built on trust and care are at the heart of our school ethos and teachers/SNAs work hard to ensure these values are upheld. We have a very low level incidence of bullying in the school, however recent national research will say that much bullying especially amongst senior children goes unreported.

Please continue to observe and talk to you children about the supports that are available in school if they feel they are a victim of bullying behaviour.

Our community guard will be visiting all classes during the week to talk about the dangers of online bullying as well as other dangers.

Please take note of date above Monday 16th May as a school closure day. We are combining our final staff meeting along with our training half day to allow for a full school closure as per department guidelines.

Cake Sale – This Thursday 7th April, the Parents Association are organising our Easter Cake Sale. This will be a success if as many as possible can send in buns/cakes etc.

We very much appreciate your support and are very grateful to our Parents Association for organising.



Please see flyer attached with further details.

Tusla referrals

When a child is absent for 15/20 days we are notified on our internal system and an automatic message is sent to parents alerting them to Tusla. There is no need to be concerned about this text, many families have received it this year due to absences with various colds, Covid etc. The school is obliged to notify the Dept on a termly basis on the number of children who have missed 20 days and over.

Individual referrals to Tusla are made following consultation with our Educational welfare officer when we do not see a change in attendance after a parent has been contacted re their child's inconsistent attendance.

Tusla only get involved when there is a concern for a child who is absent for long periods of unexplained time and there is a consistent and concerning pattern to these absences.

**It is very important that you always send in a note-email to your teacher explaining your child's absence.

Congratulations to 6th class boys who completed their cycle right programme this week. They thoroughly enjoyed it and we hope it will give them the confidence and motivation to become safe cyclists over coming years.



Congratulations to the pupils of Ms McDonagh's 5th class who took part in the ESB Science Blast project. The boys learned all about bridges around the world and then designed and made their own out of lollipop sticks. They tested the weight of the bridges and some held over 13kg which was 18 times it's weight. A representative from Boston Scientific came in to adjudicate the project and presented the boys with a trophy and a night off homework.

Well done to all involved.



Visit our facebook page to see pics.

We'd like to wish you all a very happy Easter and we look forward to our third and final term of the year.

