



Newsletter 17th January 2023



Dates to Remember

25th January Grandparents Day 11am.

28th January Confirmation preparation mass 6pm

**29th March First Confession 11 30am

7th February – School Book Fair



SSE- School Self Evaluation. 22/23 review year.

As Part of our School Self Evaluation Process we wish to identify and reflect on the impact of Covid 19 on our children's educational experiences, their wellbeing, their motivation to learn and their engagement in learning.

We would greatly appreciate if you took a few minutes to fill in the google form sent by separate Notification on Aladdin Connect. This survey is anonymous – we just hope to gather an overall picture as to where we are post Covid.

Many thanks for taking the time to support us in our efforts to identify and reflect your children's educational experience

Policy Update

- We recently completed our Board of Management's annual review of our anti Bullying policy. Please visit our website to see our annual notification.

As part of this review we look at current practices in the school to educate children about bullying. We look at the number of bullying cases currently being investigated in the school and since the previous Board meeting etc.

Bullying behaviour is very much monitored in our school in order to build awareness and educate our children as to the impact Bullying may have. Please be reminded that much bullying that takes place is 'Hidden Bullying', that may never come to our attention. We are always conscious of this fact and regularly remind and educate our students as to the dangers of online bullying etc.

- Our Admissions policy has been updated following the Commencement of the Education (Provision in respect of Children with Special Educational Needs) Act 2022 and Commencement of remaining sections of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 and is available on our website.



It's Back – Our
Book Fair 7th
February

Our book fair will be back on site again this year to allow the boys to browse and choose their books.

Please support as best you can. All purchases contribute towards our free books to increase our library stocks.

Boys will be reminded in advance again. Time to let them start saving!



Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 22 January – Sunday 29 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2023 is 'Catholic Schools:'. Walking together in Faith and Love.

During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.

The theme this year is Walking together in faith and love. We will be incorporating this message in our teachings throughout the week. You may like to include this theme as part of your family activities during the week.

We celebrate Grandparents day on Wednesday of next week.



Grandparents day will take place next Wednesday at 11 am- Grandparents are invited to come to the school for 11 am.

Please email your class teacher or the school to inform us if a grandparent(s) can come on the day. RSVP by Friday 20th Jan

We will then be able to plan accordingly to ensure comfort and safety on the day.

Debating –

Congratulations to our debating team in 6th class together with their teachers Ms Mc Donagh and Ms Woods who succeeded in their debate last week against Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh.

It was a very tight result, however, our team convinced the judges that fines should be introduced for household waste. Please see our facebook page and school website for photos.

Best of luck to our debating team who proceed to the next stage of the competition on the 29th Jan. This will be their 4th debate having won the previous 3. Go n-eirí leo!



Swimming Lessons for 5th class

Swimming lessons will start next week for 5th class boys, hopefully on Thursday 26th – more details to follow separately by letter in the next few days