



Newsletter February 7th 2024



Dates to Remember

15th – 16th February – Mid term break – school closed

8th March school closed –Referendum

15th March – School closed at 12pm – Staff meeting



Internet Safety Day – 6th Feb

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

Yesterday was internet safety day. Please see webwise link above for supports for parents. Barnardos spoke to all senior classes- 3-6th re possible dangers, introducing them to CoCo's law etc. see parent online webinars below. **Online Resources** Barnardos run free monthly webinars via zoom for parents to help them feel empowered to keep their children safe online. It is the same content as the face to face session for anyone that didn't avail. Parents can register themselves via the below zoom links for a date & time that is suitable to them.

Free Online Parent webinars – next available dates

February 8th 7pm-8pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ns7R8FOLRlulk7MVG4BZXg

February 28th 11am -12pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z90DUotpQrOh_0cxb2Qthw

March 5th 7pm-8pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CpgobZ1oQBeeBsQeJOZenA

March 20th 10am -11am

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H9bj7MIKR9exdKQhbQowVA



Sports Update

Gaelic football, soccer and hurling training are commencing in school, starting this week. Please note the days and classes for each sport;

Gaelic Football- 4th, 5th and 6th classes (Tuesdays)

Soccer- 5th and 6th classes (Wednesdays)

Hurling- 4th, 5th and 6th classes (Fridays)

All training sessions will take place during break time (1-1:25)

Please see advice from Allianz below which we will be enforcing-

Football:

Gum shields must be worn for boys' and girls' football. This applies to training as well as games.

Onus on parents to ensure that these rules are observed.

Teachers should remind children: 'No gum shield, no game'.

Referees reminded to enforce this also.

Hurling: In underage hurling, up to and including Under 12 age groups, the use of metal bands on hurleys is prohibited unless the metal bands are taped over.

Cumann na mBunscol committees that organise Under 10, Under 11 or 12 hurling need to make teachers and parents aware of this.

Schools are advised to inform parents of these regulations.

Responsibility on schools not to sell banded hurleys to boys taking part in competitions up to and including under 12.

Teacher should carry out a visual inspection before matches.

Referee should carry out a visual inspection before games.

Young Whistlers cannot be responsible for checking for bands on hurleys.



Cycle Right

Our 6th class cycle right programme is starting this week with the theory lesson. We know the boys will be looking forward to getting on the bikes asap! A wonderful programme subsidised by An Taisce and Galway Co Council.

An Taisce give 10€ per child and Galway Co. Co. 7€ thus leaving 5€ for each student to pay.

A lot of applications to avail of this funding! Thanks to Rosemarie in the office for ensuring the cost is kept to a minimum.



Coding – Microsoft month of code

A big thank you to Niall Kelly (Parent of Aiden Kelly), who is coming into the school to code with 3rd and 4th class boys.

Another great opportunity for our students.

Feis na nÓg 2024 - Reminder

10th March 2024

Venue: Calasactius College, Oranmore

If your son wishes to take part in the Feis (details sent in Newsletter dated 23rd Jan) and hasn't sent in the entrance form and fee, please do so as soon as possible

Tennis Coaching

Alan McCormack, who coaches tennis at Scoil Mhuire (since 2015), is starting after school tennis classes in the ****ORANMORE COMMUNITY CENTER****

Days: Tuesday or Thursdays.

There will be 2 age groups.

- 3-4pm for 5-7 year olds.

- 4-5pm for 8-12year olds.

Term length: 5 weeks.

(Followed by further 5 week terms)

Cost of a term is €50 per child.

Coaching is based around mini tennis where:

-players practise all 4 tennis shots in every session.

-They learn to practise cooperatively with all players.

- they challenge themselves to play competitive points in a fun environment.

(Practice and points are gamified using cards,pegs,cones etc)

To register: text Alan on 086 1957 038 with child's name and age, and which day and time suits.

START DATE DEPENDING ON DEMAND

Website: amctennisacademy.com

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SON'S UNIFORM AND COAT HAS HIS NAME ON IT