

KNOCKANEAN N.S

Newsletter

January 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Carpark:

Please try to be sensible and considerate about parking in and around the school when dropping and collecting your children. Please **do not** park in front of the school gates, in front of empty parking spaces or in front of another car, thereby blocking their exit. Please be mindful of the local residents and the need for them to be able to access their property at all times. Please do not park in front of their driveways. A little patience on everybody's part can make all the difference.

School Times:

We have been advised by our insurer to inform you of the following- The school will open to receive pupils at 9.15 a.m. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.30 a.m. Classes will end each day at 2.10 p.m. for Junior /Senior Infants and at 3.10 p.m. for all other classes. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school no later than 2.10 p.m. in the case of infants and 3.10 p.m. for all others, as the school cannot accept responsibility for supervising the children after the official finishing times or investigating any incidents that arise after these times.

Videos/ Photographs:

Please note that if parents/guardians take photographs or videos of school events, these are for private, personal use only, and that they **must not** be uploaded to any website to be viewed by others (e.g. Facebook).



Mobile Phones:

Reminder: Mobile phones are **forbidden** in the school. If a pupil is caught using a mobile phone in the school then the phone will be confiscated and will not be returned for a period of one week. It will only be returned to a parent at that time. **If a parent finds it necessary for their child to have a mobile for use after school, then the parent must send in a letter to the school requesting same.** The pupil is then responsible for handing in the phone to their teacher in the morning at the start of school and collecting it in the evening at 3.10 pm.

Administration and Art and Crafts charges

Just a gentle reminder to send in the above if you have not already done so. The following are the Art & Craft and Administration Fees for the year 2017/2018.

One child	€40
Two children	€65
Three or more children:	€80

Emails: In order to enable e-payments , we need a current email address for parents so please send an email to **cnocanein@gmail.com**, if you have not already done so but wish to be able to pay for tours etc. by using e payments. .

Internet safety talk

Dr Maureen Griffin, forensic psychologist specialising in the area of online offending will speak to 5th and 6th class on May 17th, regarding issues around social media, cyber-bullying and internet and mobile phone safety.

Healthy Lunch:

Well done to everyone who is making the effort with the healthy lunch policy- not alone is it healthier but it is also cheaper. Please Remember: The following are **not allowed** in school: Crisps, Popcorn, Fizzy Drinks, and Chewing Gum As there are a number of children in various classes throughout the school who suffer from serious allergies to nuts we ask parents to refrain from putting nuts or products containing nuts (such as, chocolate spreads of any kind; peanut butter) into their children's lunch box.

More information can be got on www.safefood.eu



Red /Green Day

On the day of the Christmas holidays we had a red/green day and we raised €424..This money was sent to the Our Lady's Hospital Crumlin.



Sport:

Indoor Hurling: Our 4th class boys took part in this competition on January 18th. They put in three great performances, winning two of their matches but unfortunately didn't progress out of their group.

Indoor Camogie: Our 4th and 5th class girls took part in this competition on Thursday 25th of Jan and like the boys unfortunately did not progress out of the group.

Swimming 3rd class commences swimming sessions on February 1st 2018. These sessions will take place every Thursday from 3-4 p.m. and Third class will attend until March 15th. 2nd class will commence attending swimming sessions on March 22nd and will continue to attend each Thursday until May 10th. Please remember to **collect from pool by 4.00 p.m**

Stay Safe:

The Stay Safe Programme will commence in all classes in the coming weeks. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. It deals initially with common situations which most children will experience at some stage or other, e.g. getting lost or being bullied. The programme also teaches children the safety skills necessary to protect themselves from physical or sexual abuse and emphasises the importance of telling a trusted adult about any problems they have. Further information on the content of the Stay Safe programme can be found under the parents section on our website.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme:

6th class will be busily working on this project for the next number of weeks.

The Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) is a 10 week entrepreneurial education programme for primary school pupils. This innovative programme opens the minds of primary school pupils to the joy of entrepreneurship at a time in their lives when they are full of imagination and open to new possibilities. The programme helps participating pupils to develop a number of skills including literacy, writing, presentation, drawing, technology, research skills, numeracy, financial, consumer awareness, storytelling, listening skills, creative thinking, problem solving, team building and collaboration skills.

The programme has a significant personal development impact on participating pupils, building confidence, self-awareness and self-esteem, and an appreciation of individual skills and talents.

The winning product will be decided by Easter and then the whole class will work on that product to try to market it. We will keep you updated on the programme.

**Photograph of most of the above events can be seen on our website/
class blogs.**

Dates to remember

Pink Ribbon Day: Feb 14th. Proceeds will go to Sláinte an Chlair and National Breast Cancer Research Institute, Galway.

Mid Term break: School closed Feb 15th & 16th

Confirmation: March 3rd at 2.30 in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

Communion : April 28th at 11a.m in Church of Our Lady, Roslevan

St Patricks Week End : March 19th

Easter Holidays : School closes on Friday March 23rd and reopens on Monday April 9th 2018

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Curran".

Principal