

Newsletter January 2019

Yard Clean up: We were delighted with the support for the clean up on the Junior yard organised by the Parents Association after Christmas. A great job was done by a very hardworking group of parents and family members, so a big thank you to all.



<u>Accelerated Reader</u>: We have seen a huge uptake in the number of children "reading for fun" since the AR programme began. Keep up the good work!

Indoor Camogie: Some of the girls from 4th and 5th class travelled to Clonlara on January 31st to take part in an indoor Camogie competition. The girls put in a fantastic performance to beat Scariff, draw with Broadford-Kilbane, and narrowly lose against Clonlara. This left them second overall in the competition. A huge achievement. Maith sibh!



Explorers ed: This month, Carmel Madigan visited Ms.Quinlivan's and Ms.O'Callaghans classrooms. The children learned about marine organisms as well as valuable information about the ocean. The children also completed art projects and it proved highly enjoyable.

<u>Grandparents day:</u> Grandparents day proved a huge success in Ms.Tedfords and Ms.Quinlivan's classes. The girls loved welcoming their grandparents and other visitors into their classroom and showcasing their wonderful work and performances. Thanks to all those who came over the two days and made it a memorable experience for the girls.



<u>Credit union Quiz</u>: The Credit Union Quiz took place on Friday 1st of February. The teams chosen to represent the school did and fantastic job – we are very proud, well done girls.

<u>Peace Proms</u>: Practice continues for Peace Proms with a workshop in early February. The girls are putting in huge effort with their practice both at school and at home. We look forward with eager anticipation to the big day! Literacy Lift Off: Literacy Lift Off is taking place in First Class this term. In co-ordination with the SEN team Ms.Tedford's class are enjoying four stations every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The children are having great fun with new reading, familiar reading, grammar and writing stations!

<u>Catholic Schools Week:</u> Catholic Schools week took place from 28th January to 1st of February. The theme for this year was "celebrating the work of local Catholic Schools." We had a whole school prayer service to celebrate this.

<u>All stars cooking</u>: - SuperValu are piloting a cooking programme in our school this term. We have received hotplates, pots, pans, and lots of cooking utensils to get this programme up and running. Cooking All Stars is a cooking skills programme teaching children the basic life skills of healthy cooking. Watch out Rachel Allen!!

<u>Aldi tokens:</u> Aldi is giving Primary Schools the chance to win €50,000 to develop their playing facilities and help kids live a healthy and active lifestyle. Our School Community can help by collecting tokens and dropping them into us here in the school.

Reminders:

Parents are reminded of the following:

- This is a <u>PEANUT FREE SCHOOL</u>. All parents are reminded to ensure lunches coming into school do not contain peanuts.
- For Health and Safety reasons, climbing on the fence or any walls on school property is strictly forbidden.

- For Health and Safety reasons dogs are not permitted on school grounds.
- Parents are reminded that access to the school buildings is for pupils and staff unless attending an appointment.
- Children should wait in their class line in the morning, or if late, dropped to the front door of the school. An adult should wait with the child until the child has gained access to the school.
- Parents are reminded of the Parental Complaints Procedure, which is available for review on the website. The Board requests that any parent with a grievance or complaint follow this procedure to obtain a resolution.
- We would encourage anyone with a general query to contact the school directly <u>info@cpskillaloe.ie</u>

<u>RSE</u>: RSE programme is ongoing throughout the school this month.

<u>New Flooring</u>: We were delighted to have new anti slip flooring installed in the corridor of the Junior building over Christmas. It has really brightened the place up!



