

## November 2016 Newsletter



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

**HOPE FOUNDATION** Ninety nine boxes were collected by the local Hope Foundation representative and are on their way to bring a little joy to less fortunate children in war torn countries. A sincere thank you to all the families who participated.



**TREE DAY** The pupils from First and Second classes recently visited Jenkinstown Forest Park, taking part in a nature trail to mark Tree Day. They were very lucky to get their photograph in The Kilkenny People too!



**FRIENDSHIP WEEK** This week, as part of our Anti- Bullying policy, all classes will participate in friendship promoting activities. During the week our “Buddy Bench”, ordered by last year’s 6<sup>th</sup> class Junior Entrepreneur group, will arrive from Castlecomer Men’s Shed. As part of this project, the pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will participate in a related workshop learning how to use the bench to make friends.



**THEATRE** On Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, the pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes went to see The Barnstorm Theatre Company’s production of “The Messenger”, a play written about a young boy who participated in the 1916 Rising. This will be followed by a drama workshop on Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> when members of the theatre group will visit the school for a hands-on activity.

On Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, it will be the turn of Junior and Senior Infants who are going to visit the Watergate

for their Christmas production of "Santa's Christmas Party".



**SPORT** The boys and girls gaelic football season is drawing to a close after a busy season. While the boys missed getting through to the quarter finals by the narrowest of margins, the girls had great success reaching the Roinn A final vs. St. Canice's NS. The popular mini- leagues are now in full swing with the finals taking place shortly. Many thanks to our dedicated teachers who volunteer their time, training and attending matches and without whom these activities could not take place.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL DEBATING** This year's competition has begun again and the 6<sup>th</sup> class team had their first outing recently against Scoil Móin Ruadha .We wish them luck as they proceed in the competition.



**IRISH DANCING** The pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are currently completing the term with their teacher Ann Egan. Parents are welcome to attend the final lesson on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am to see how much progress they've made.

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS FUNDRAISER**

Well done to the children who designed beautiful cards and many thanks to all the families who supported the venture, raising over €900 for school funds.

#### **December Diary**



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>** 11am -  
Santa Walk through the village

1pm -  
Santa is returning on his sleigh to visit Gowran in aid of Temple Street Children's Hospital.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Nativity and Carol Service

As December is just around the corner, the children have begun preparing for their Christmas celebrations, learning carols in class and practising recorder pieces with Tommy.

These will take place on **Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>** with the Junior and Senior Infants in the morning and the older children in the afternoon.

### **HEADLICE**

Unfortunately, we have been informed by parents that headlice again appear to be a problem in several classes. Please check your child's hair immediately and treat if necessary. Your pharmacist will advise on appropriate products.

We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter as it is only going to be resolved when all the children infected are treated at the same time.