

October Newsletter

ENROLMENT 2016

We are currently enrolling for September 2016. If you have a child who is eligible please contact the office with relevant details by October 16th. Because the available space in the building is limited, we need to know the numbers for next year in advance so we can plan ahead. Also, if you are aware of a child who hasn't siblings in the school already, perhaps you would let the family know. We appreciate your co-operation in this important matter.

MATHS WEEK IRELAND 2015



Maths Week Ireland takes place from Oct 12th to 16th. Your child will be engaged in various Maths activities throughout the week. You can get involved too by playing maths games with your children. You will find lots of tips and resources at www.ncca.ie/parents. You can also log on to www.khanacademy.org for free maths activities or check our website for links to great maths websites in the Gamezone.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT GENERAL PARENT MEETING

This will take place on Oct 19th. The four year term of the current board is ending and a new board must be in place by Dec 1st. Two parent representatives, one father and one mother, have to be elected by the parent body. Nominations will be taken at this meeting. If there is more than one nomination for each category, a ballot will subsequently be taken of the parents of all pupils.

EARLY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

From October onwards for safety reasons, if you are collecting children early for any reason e.g. a dental appointment, please call to the office and sign them out before calling to the classroom. (This will not apply to pupils leaving early on match days.)

Also, if you need to call to the school during class time, please communicate with Nuala first and, if necessary, she will contact the class teacher for you. Similarly, if your child has forgotten lunch, gearbag etc. please leave it with Nuala in the office and she will see that they get it. We would really appreciate your co-operation in order to minimise disruption during the school day.



HEADLICE

Unfortunately, the appearance of headlice has been reported in some classes. In order to minimise the spread of these, we ask your co-operation in checking your child's hair immediately and treat if necessary.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oct 19th – Board of Management General Parent Meeting

Oct 26th – 30th Midterm Break

November 25th, 26th – Parent Teacher Meetings

REFUGEE CRISIS FUNDRAISER

We've all seen the headlines of the terrible plight of the 2 million Syrian children who have been forced to flee their homes because of violence. Children have been left homeless, faced long, perilous journeys, have lost family members and many have died. Even when they reach the relative safety of the camps in Lebanon, Jordan, Turkey and Macedonia, life is grim and those who have reached Europe still have a very long road ahead.

No child should experience life like this. These children need our help and they need it now.

The Irish Aid agencies are doing wonderful work providing emergency food and shelter, clean water and warm clothes, sleeping bags and hygiene kits in addition to healthcare and psychosocial support.

The problem is, because of the sheer number of children and their families fleeing Syria they need our help to fund the programmes and purchase supplies. There is no time more important to help these children and we can make a difference.

To that end, this Friday, October 9th, we are partaking in the fundraising Goal Jersey Day. Children can wear any jersey of their choice and we are asking each family to donate a minimum of €2. Perhaps the children could be encouraged to use some of their own pocket money for this worthy cause.

Thanks for your support.

Another practical way we can help is by donating warm clothing, blankets, sleeping bags etc. to the Goal organisation. You can leave items at any Topaz station until October 10th. These will be flown direct to the camps in Turkey to the people who need them. Log on to www.goalglobal.org for further details.

Further information on the work being undertaken for refugees can be found at:

www.unicef.ie www.trocaire.org

