

Junior Infants Class for Sept.



We have still some vacancies for junior infants for Sept.'17 ***If you have a 4year old ready for school,***

please fill in enrolment form in the Secretary's Office.

Places will be offered to all those who applied very soon with an information meeting for parents in May.

Letters will issue after Easter Holidays.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS: NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to all parents who supported the non-uniform day on Friday 10th March. All the pupils dressed up in their green gear and looked great. We raised **€120** which goes to the parents association to support their work for Sports Day & graduation day etc. Thanks to our P/A for organising the First Class trip to the chocolate Factory and for the special Easter treat for all pupils this week.

P/A Easter raffle on Thursday 6th April. Tickets are €1 a strip, please support.



Newsletter - April 2017

School Closures to note

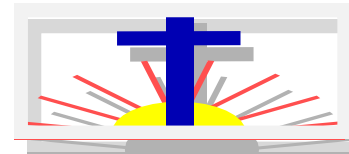
Easter Holidays: School will close on Friday 7th April at 11:30am and will re-open at 9:05am on Monday 24th April.

Prayer Service for Easter

All classes from the Infant School will go to the School hall on Wednesday 5th April at 9:30am for a special Prayer Service for Easter.



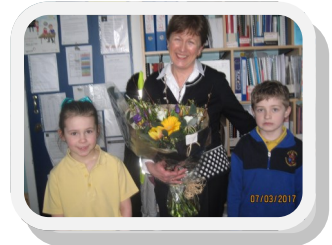
Thank you to all teachers for preparing the children so well and to Ms Mc Cabe for her work in preparing the music with all classes.



Happy Easter to all our Pupils and their families and also to all Staff in the Infant School.



Well done to the children in Senior Infants who took part in the Mighty Mouse Dental Lessons in March and received certificates from Yvonne Grey, HSE Dental Nurse. This was Yvonne's last visit to our school after many years. We thank her, and wish her well in her retirement.



The Board of Management of the Infant School have completed its annual policy review checklist of its Child Protection Policy. Our Child protection policy is aimed at ensuring the safety and welfare of all our pupils and outlines procedures to deal with concerns about children should they arise.

All staff have received training on the revised Child Protection Guidelines for schools.

Parents and guardians are asked to be aware of the policy and in particular to note that the best interest of the child shall prevail in all circumstances and to the revised text dealing with toileting accidents.

A full copy of our Child Protection Policy is available from the office if requested while a copy of our Child Protection Statement will be available on our School website.

LOTTO continues each week to raise funds for the Parents Assoc.

Thanks to Aisling King for collecting monies each week.

Recent Lotto winners: 25th Feb: Yvonne Ruth (20) €45

4th March: James Bolger (13) €45, 11th March Richard Fahy (1) €45

18th March 46 Rollover. **NOTE: There will be no Lotto on 15th & 22nd April due to Easter Holidays. Saturday the 8th will pay out bonus ball on Wednesday 6th April due to Easter Holidays.**

School Tour 2017



Thursday 25th May is school tour day for all pupils. Junior Infants will go to Stonebrook Farm, Senior Infants will go to "Go Kids Go Play Centre, Blanchardstown, and First Classes will go to the Lambert Puppet Theatre. Letters will be given to all pupils after the Easter break.

Enrolment forms for the Senior BNS & Senior GNS have been given to all boys & girls in first classes. Many parents have sent the form back—if you have not yet done so—please return these forms as soon as possible to teacher or to Carmel (BNS & GNS secretary) so that the arrangements for enrolments in 2nd Class can be finalised.

SCHOOL WEBSITE
please visit
www.infantschoolmournerroad.net
to see lots of school news.

Trocaire Lenten Boxes
Thank you to all the families who support the Trocaire Lenten Campaign each year Please return after Easter.

The next meeting of the Board of Management will be held on 8th May at 7.15pm in the Infant School



GREEN SCHOOL NEWS

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Food Dudes programme. This is a programme designed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home. It is based on positive role models

(the Food Dudes characters), repeated tastings and rewards. The duration of the programme is 16 days for junior classes.

The Food Dudes Programme is ultimately designed to enable children to enjoy a healthy diet and to create a healthy eating culture within schools.

Thanks to Ms Healy for all her hard work in distributing the fruit and veg to classes each morning.

Staffing 2017/2018

The Department of Education and Skills has recently launched its staffing schedule for 2017/2018. With the recognition of the Infant School as Urban DEIS Band 1, this should have positive implications for our pupil/teacher ratio. Also in relation to SPECIAL NEEDS TEACHING The Department of Education has announced the introduction of a revised model for the allocation of special needs teaching resources to primary schools. The new system will come into operation this September for the 17/18 school year.



Easter Library Competition Winners for First Classes Rooms 1&2 will be announced on Thursday 6th April. All pupils may enter and lots of lovely prizes to be won.
Thanks to Ms. Coffey for organising.



Breakfast Club
Open each school morning
@ 8.15 am in the Parents Room for a (free) healthy breakfast with lots of fun!
All children are welcome

SUMMER CAMP 2017

Plans are being made to run a summer camp in the Infant School for pupils over the first week in **July: 3rd –7th July**
Last year many pupils attended



MOURNES MIGHTY SUMMER CAMP and all children had a great time. More details in next newsletter.

HURLING FOR FIRST CLASSES and Senior Infants continues with Paddy Baker, GAA coach with Good Counsel Club every Friday. All first class pupils will take part in our hurling league for each class, with the semi finals and finals for each class taking place by mid June. Easter hurling/football/camogie camp in Good Counsel GAA Club: 11th –13th April (€25) Contact Paddy @ 085-1403794.



Litter Picking Fundraiser, for our three schools took place the week beginning 27th March. The Infant School pupils tried very hard to keep their classes, corridors, hall and yard as litter free as possible. Thanks to all who supported our schools in this initiative. All monies raised go towards the upkeep & maintenance of the three schools.

Craic agus ceol againn sa halla on 10ú Márta. Lá Glas.

