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Thursday Newsletter 04/02/2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health. We are missing all our pupils and looking forward to having everyone back in school. As of today, we have no updates to report regarding a partial or a full reopening of our school and we will keep you posted if and when we receive such news.

Survey

Thanks to all those who submitted responses to our survey, the results are helping us further plan and respond during this learning at home period. Check out the results on the link below. We hope to roll out another survey for our children in the next week or so.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/stories/SM-RSTY2FT2/>

Zoom check ins

Next week we will be having Zoom check in calls for all classes. Classes will be split up into smaller groups and your child's teacher will inform you via Aladdin what group your child is in and what time the meeting is at. You will be given the meeting ID and passcode by the class teacher nearer the time also. For child protection purposes, a parent/guardian must be present nearby during the meeting. Parents need to make sure the child's name is visible as unknown names will not be admitted to meetings. An info note for all parents will be issued on Monday regarding Zoom participation and etiquette.

Tuesday Meetings Mr McDonagh, Ms Ryan, Ms Greene and Ms Sweeney

Thursday Meetings Ms Finnegan, Ms Sexton and Ms Cunningham

Friday Meetings Ms Gregson, Ms Doherty and Ms O'Flaherty

Colaiste Bride 1st year packs

A pack has been sent to the students and parents of sixth class girls who are moving to secondary level at Colaiste Bride. The Entrance Test has been postponed for now and the information pack gives an overview regarding moving to secondary school, the Junior Cycle and subject choices.

2nd Class Boys 2021/2022

St Joseph's BNS are dropping in their school packs for our current 1st class boys later on in the term. More details to follow.

Stay safe Programme

During the months of January and February each year the teachers cover the Stay Safe programme. Some of the content which comes under the strand unit Growing and Changing in SPHE entails the teachers teaching and revising some of the more sensitive topics of the programme. We will postpone teaching these lessons until pupils return to school.

Safer Internet Day 9th February

Supporting your child to stay safe online can be a daunting parenting responsibility. Tuesday 9th of February is Safer Internet Day 2021 and National Parents Council Primary are running free online interactive workshops on 'Keeping your child safe online' all next week. This programme will give you practical information and supports to help you as a parent in this vital role. The sessions are taking place online via Zoom. Just click on the link below to register.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/InternetSafetyOnline2021>

The website www.webwise.ie also has some very useful tips and materials for being safe online.

#BeKindOnline is being used as part of the safer internet day campaign.

Well-being Activities

Our Special Education Teachers are posting well-being activities weekly for all our classes, these fun activities are proving to be a huge success with children and adults alike. Taking care of our mental health is equally as important as our physical health. Thank you to our Special Education Teachers for organising this initiative, I'm a real fan of the Balloon breathing.

Twitter

Dublin Fire Brigade had some lovely words of praise for the work of Ms Sexton's 1st class. They tweeted... 'Made our day' in response to the lovely drawings and work the children did. Check out their fabulous work on our twitter account.

Lockdown Learning Gallery

The Lockdown Learning Gallery is ongoing on our website and twitter page. Check out the work and art of our children during learning at home.

Enrolment 2021/2022

Our Junior Infant enrolment for 2021/2022 is now closed. Offer places are now being sent out to parents. If you need any information please contact the school.

Midterm break

The school is scheduled to be on midterm break on the 18th and 19th of February. No work will be posted on Aladdin and Zoom calls will not take place on these days.

Kind regards,

Catherine Keane and the Scoil Ide Team