



# Ennis National School

Newsletter January 2018

## Dates for your Diary

- Flag Day Fundraiser for our school: Saturday, January 27th
- Closing date for applications for Junior Infants for September 2018: Thursday, February 1st at 3pm
- School Closed: Thursday and Friday, February 15th and 16th for Mid-Term
- School Closed: Monday February 26th for Staff Inservice Training
- First Penance for Second Class pupils: Wednesday, March 7th at 6.15 Cathedral
- Confirmation for Sixth Class pupils: Saturday, March 10th at 11am in the Cathedral



**Junior Infant Enrolment:** Ennis NS is accepting applications for enrolment to Junior Infants for September 2018. If you know of anybody looking to enrol their child in our school, please tell them to contact the school office for an application form. The closing date for receipt of applications is **Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm.**



**Active Homework Challenge:** Ennis NS has signed up with Clare Sports Partnership to take on the Active Homework Challenge. The idea of the challenge is to help children to reach the recommended 60 minutes physical activity per day. Each child will receive a diary to keep track of their activities. The activities will be demonstrated at school and they can be completed in the home, in a small space. At the end of the week, the children will be encouraged to combine these activities together to form a circuit, requiring no equipment.



**Flag Day:** On Saturday January 27th, the Parents' Association are organising the annual Flag Day fundraiser in Ennis. Each year the Flag Day raised approximately €3000 for the school. This year we are hoping to have enough volunteers so that each person is only timetabled for one hour. If you can help for one hour on that Saturday, please send your name and contact number into the school office as soon as possible (065 6829158) or let the Parent's Association know through the Facebook page.



**Fundraising:** Thank you for your support of the recent fundraisers run by the school. St Vincent de Paul have thanked our pupils and families for the quantity of food gathered for needy families before Christmas.

Sixth Class pupils raised €1,500 to Cahercalla Hospice from their sponsored Santa Run.

Fifth Class pupils raised €1,875 to Bóthar from their annual Bóthar Sale.

€1,500 was donated to Clare Crusaders, the proceeds of Christmas concerts raffle.



# JANUARY AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**There are a number of afterschool activities that are available to all. They need to be booked in advance as spaces are limited and may have a cost associated with them.**

## **TOUCH TYPING COURSE**

Thursday evenings from 3pm – 4pm

Contact Majella on 086 3713573

See [www.searsol.com/typing](http://www.searsol.com/typing) courses for details

## **FUN CLUB**

This runs every afternoon from Monday to Friday. After school care is provided in a fun environment where children are encouraged to play, and will be supervised in a number of different activities.

Contact Martina on 086 – 7363286

Kathryn on 087 - 9232833

## **ART and GAMES CLUB - Tuesdays**

Art and Games Club is for pupils from First to Third Class.

Time: 4pm to 5pm from January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Contact Sarah Walsh or Deirdre Tiernan on 086 3903803

## **COMPUTER CLUB - Wednesdays**

For pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class: Pupils learn Scratch Programming, Animation and IT skills

Time: 2:45pm to 4pm (Starting in February)

Contact Daire Dwyer on 0863209569

## **TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC – Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Beginners to Advanced

Contact Lourda Roseingrave (TTCT) on 087-0687794 for further details

## **HOMEWORK CLUB – Monday to Friday**

HOMEWORK CLUB IS CURRENTLY FULL

## **SPEECH AND DRAMA – Thursdays**

Infants Class at 1:45pm

First to Sixth Classes at 2:45pm

Contact Evelyn McMahon on 085 1884158

## **BADMINTON CLUB - Fridays**

Badminton Club is for pupils from 3rd to 6th.

Time: 3pm to 4pm from January 12<sup>th</sup>

Contact Darryl Eade on 086 1786901