



Ennis National School

Ashline, Ennis, Co Clare

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Newsletter March 2018

Dates for your Diary

- First Penance for Second Class pupils: Tuesday, March 6th at 6pm Cathedral
- Ceremony of Light for Sixth Class pupils: Tuesday, March 6th at 8pm Cathedral
- Confirmation for Sixth Class pupils: Saturday, March 10th at 11am in the Cathedral
- Wear Green to School day: Friday, March 16th
- School Closed on Monday, March 19th for Public Holiday
- School Bingo Night for all the family: Wednesday March 21st at 7pm
- Easter Holidays from Monday 26th March to Friday 6th April inclusive

Family Bingo Night



Wednesday March 21st at 7:30pm in the School Hall

Entry €10 including book and €5 for half book (children)



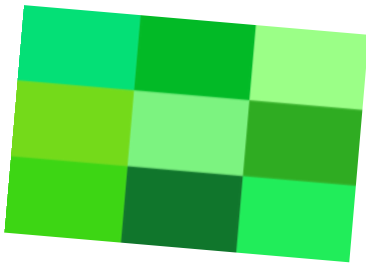
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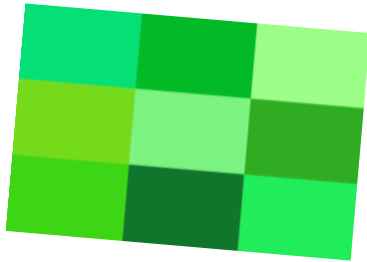
Wear Green to School



Friday March 16th



Suggestion donation of €2 per pupil/€5 per family



Annual fundraiser in aid of the Parents' Association.

Proceeds go towards refreshments for receptions for Communion, Confirmation and Sixth Class graduation.

Confirmation

Sixth Class pupils will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on this coming Saturday, March 10th. The Parents' Association are hosting a reception for the Confirmation pupils and their families in the school hall immediately after the ceremony. It is traditional for the parents of Fifth Class pupils to donate some baked goods, cakes, buns, biscuits etc that can be used for the reception. Items can be dropped into the Halla on Friday before 3.30pm or on Saturday from 11am. Parents of First Class pupils traditionally donate items for reception for First Communion which takes place this year on Saturday April 21st.



On Tuesday February 27th Bishop Fintan Monahan visited our Sixth Classes to chat to the pupils about Confirmation. Bishop Fintan is our school patron and took the time to visit each of our three Sixth Classes. He certainly didn't get an easy time of it, fielding questions about confirmation, religion, priesthood in addition to a few red herrings! His visit is much appreciated.

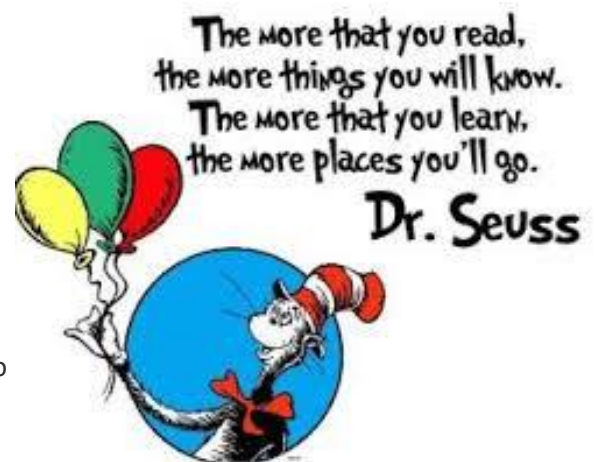


Second and Fourth Class pupils are using Mathletics. The school has paid a subscription to allow each pupil to access this wonderful Maths website. Mathletics is a captivating online Maths programme which provides children with stimulating and motivating games to improve their mathematical ability. Many pupils log on at home even when they haven't been given homework to try and achieve their weekly certificate. Many of the challenges allow pupils to play against other pupils in our school as well as pupils from other schools. Progress is tracked and you can see how pupils are progressing in every area. Encourage your children to use Mathletics at home and check in on their progress.



Third and Fifth Classes participate in the Accelerated Reader (AR) program, an online programme that motivates pupils to read and helps them improve their reading skills. Pupils are encouraged to read books which are at an appropriate level for them and then to take on online comprehension assessment. As a result, pupils are able to enjoy reading books which interest them and which are at their comprehension level. This has the benefit of improving pupils' attitudes towards reading and encouraging them to read more frequently.

Each pupil has their own login password for AR. Parents can login to this account and view the pupil's virtual bookshelf of the books they have read and also their progress on the comprehension assessments. Please encourage your children to use AR.



Sacrament of First Confession for second class pupils takes place on Tuesday (March 6th) at 6pm in the Cathedral.



Remember school starts at 8:50am. Children are embarrassed when they are late walking into class as they are causing a disruption. Please make every effort to have your child in school before 8.50am every morning.

Average School Attendance for year to date = 95%

Classes with Highest Attendance:

Ms Harding's Third Class

Ms McAndrew's Second Class

Ms O'Sullivan's First Class

Number of pupils with full attendance: 80

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**



Our Walking School Bus departs from Home Gallery every morning at 8.30am. Feel free to join us any morning. Pupils and adults enjoy the walk and the camaraderie. Encourage your children to walk to school and they will reap the health benefits and you avoid the school traffic!



Clothing Recycling Fundraiser

We are running another used clothing collection in aid of NCBI to raise funds for the estimated 224,000 people in Ireland experiencing severe problems with their eye-sight including blindness.

Bring your previously loved Clothing, linen, curtains, belts, handbags and shoes (paired) in a large plastic sack to your school where it will be collected by our driver.

No Cushions Duvets, Pillows, Socks or Underwear please.

NCBI process your donations and sell garments in their Charity

Shops nationwide. They recycle what cannot be used for resale.

Our school will receive an achievement award highlighting the number of bags collected which helps your school maintain its Green Flag. Our school will also receive money per **10KG Filled bag**.

Clothes can be left at the bicycle shelter or dropped into the school foyer between now and the Easter break.