



Family Note 7 (22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024)

Dear parents,

I hope you enjoyed a restful midterm break recently. Below are some points of information about the many current activities and events in our school calendar for your attention:

- **Killarney Rotary Club 'Wine & Art' Night:** Yesterday, the school was presented with a cheque for €1900 following ticket sales for this event in November last. We wish to thank Killarney Rotary Club for inviting us to benefit from this event and we would also like to sincerely thank you, the parents, for your support of this fundraiser for our school. As we welcome the introduction of the new Primary Maths Curriculum in September 2024, our hope is to use these funds to update our school's stock of Mathematics and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Maths) Resources.
- **Green Schools Evaluation Day:** We look forward to welcoming a representative from **Green Schools Ireland** tomorrow in a hope that we will be successful in achieving our 4<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for **Biodiversity**. Much work has gone on over the past two years, led by Ms M Cronin and our enthusiastic Green Schools Committees. We wish everyone well tomorrow and look forward to flying our flag high in the near future.



- **Friendship February:** In support of the work of Special Olympics Ireland and to help us celebrate the importance of friendship our school is participating in *Friendship February*. We look forward to many fun and friendly activities next week for *Friendship Week*.
- **Ficheall Chess Inter Schools Tournament:** Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes, under the direction of Mr O Connor, will compete at this Chess Tournament on Wednesday next 29<sup>th</sup> February in Fossa. Chess continues to be a wonderfully worthwhile initiative in our school and pupils enjoyed a day trip to our friends in Coolick NS recently for a series of practice games! We wish all those competing the very best on the day.
- **Active Schools 'Run Around Europe' Challenge:** 'Run Around Europe' is a whole-school running challenge open to all primary and special schools. The initiative focuses on participation, inclusion and fun with lots of learning opportunities along the way. All classes, at all class levels are challenged to build a 'Run a Day' in to their daily routines across the 4 weeks of the challenge. Working together as a school, our combined km will bring us to many of the capital cities across Europe! We hope to commence this challenge on Monday next 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please keep an eye on our social media for updates on our progress!!!
- **Mini-7s Football:** We wish our Senior Pupils all the very best as they participate in the annual Mini-7s Football competition in Spa GAA grounds on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March. Mr O Connor has liaised with parents via Aladdin re times and transport etc.



- **World Book Day:** Pupils are invited to get their costumes ready for Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Come as your favourite book character on the day! More Book Week details to follow!
- **Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation:** Pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will receive their first Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in St. Agatha's Church, Glenflesk. We wish them every blessing on this special occasion.

***Note to parents re commencement of the Relationships and Sexuality Programme:***



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Dear parents,

*Relationships and Sexuality education* is an integral part of the S.P.H.E programme. The sensitive elements of the Relationships and Sexuality education programme are covered under the Strand Units, 'Growing and Changing' and 'Taking Care of my Body'. We will be completing the RSE programme, including these Strand Units, with all class levels in the forthcoming weeks.

Please find attached to this Aladdin message, the *Relationships and Sexuality Programme – Tips for Parents* document which gives an overview of the material that will be covered in class and encourages further discussion on the topics at home.

If you have any concerns or if you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

L O Sullivan