



As the first term of the 2015-16 school year draws to a close, we would like to wish all our parents, pupils and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas. We have put together this newsletter to keep you up to date with what has been going on in our school over the past few months. We have been very busy on a lot of fronts and have a lot more things planned for the new year. We hope you enjoy reading about what we have been doing.



School Concert

We had a great night on Thursday last at our annual school concert, with Jared Madden producing a great night's entertainment once again. This year, it was one show "Night at the Museum" with all classes involved in this.



Many thanks to all the pupils who worked so hard preparing for the night – they gave us a great show. Thanks also to all who helped out behind the scenes. We also thank you, the parents, for coming along and joining us on Thursday night - it's great to have

such fantastic support!



We wish all members of our school community a very peaceful, relaxing Christmas and look forward to a happy and productive 2016 in Lumcloon N.S.

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Pottery

Pottery lessons will resume for all classes after the Christmas break. Rachel O'Hara (wife of Fin, who previously taught the classes) will be starting with us on January 12th. She will be with us for four pottery classes this time round. We previously had a block of six classes last time Fin was with us but we are cutting back to four this time round to reduce expense. This programme will cost €10 per pupil in total and all materials and kiln expenses are included in this fee. We ask you to please pay this in full before the lessons commence.

Absences

We need an absence slip/note each time your child is absent from school. This is as per regulations set down by Tusla - the child and family agency who seek evidence of reasons for pupil absences. Please ensure that you send in a note/absence slip after your child is absent even if you have informed the school by phone or in person.



Pantomime

All our pupils travelled to Banagher College Coláiste na Sionna on Wednesday, December 9th to see the school's pantomime, "Aladdin". We are delighted to be invited to this show every year and really enjoyed seeing their students treading the boards on the day!

Yoga

Our senior classes have been busy over the past few weeks flexing their muscles at yoga. This is done in class and incorporates story-telling, music and of course, fitness too. They are having great fun and say they highly recommend it to Mammies and Daddies too!!



Health Promoting School

Our staff have recently trained in the Health-Promoting Schools Programme. This programme recognises that schools can make a substantial contribution to the health and well-being of the whole school community. This programme helps everyone to develop a whole-school approach to promoting health and well-being through exercise, healthy food choices and mental health (bullying, self-esteem, emotional well-being etc.). We will have more details about this programme after Christmas.



Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association held their AGM in October and the following committee was elected: Chairperson: Tina Clark, Secretary: Helen Cronley, Treasurer: to be filled. The P.A. encourage you to come along to their meetings and get involved in supporting the school.

School Expenses

We remind those of you who have outstanding amounts owing to the school to please settle your accounts as soon as possible. We urge you to use the newly-introduced School Payment Card to budget for school-related expenses and spread the cost over the course of the year.

Fire Safety

We were visited recently by some members of Ferbane Fire Brigade who spoke to pupils about the importance of fire safety and gave them some very good tips and advice on ways to make sure you are "Fire Aware" around the house.



Credit Union Art

Well done to all our pupils who drew lovely pictures for the Banagher Credit Union Art Competition. Our winners were as follows: Rebecca Delaney, Sarah Kelly, Aoife Cahill, Lucy Floyd, Leah Dolan and Megan Cleary.

They were all presented with their prizes in Banagher recently.

Coding

Our pupils have been busy coding for the international Hour of Code initiative and have had great fun with this. They can continue coding from home if they wish - the log-in details to their account have been sent home on their certificate of participation.

Reminders

We ask parents, particularly those of Junior pupils, to please ensure that the children know what any money they are bringing in to school is for. Sometimes they can be a bit unsure. It is probably best to put all monies in an envelope with the child's name, amount enclosed and what it is for written on the outside. This prevents confusion and phone-calls home. It also prevents monies being lost on the bus or in the classroom before they are collected.



- *School closes on Tues. Dec. 22nd and re-opens on Wed. Jan. 6th*
- *Please remember to keep an eye on your child's school-bag as it may contain notes home*
- *Please let the school know promptly if your contact numbers change during the school year*