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Bunscoil News! Feb 2017

Welcome Parents and Guardians, to our new-look Newsletter, Bunscoil News! Our February edition is jam-packed with all the latest stories and events here at Bunscoil Rinn an Chabhlaigh. Our aim is to celebrate our wonderful students and to highlight the many diverse ways in which they live up to our school motto, "Mo Chumas Abú".

Dates for your diary...

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Robotics: Well done to Mrs O'Gorman's 5th class who recently built and programmed a robot! The class put in huge effort and the project was an amazing success. The students participated in the VEX IQ competition in CIT in association with Dell Ireland. They had thoroughly enjoyable day!



Well done to all the children who received awards at the January assembly. The photos are on the website so do have a look!

Healthy Eating - Well done to all our healthy eaters. At the moment we are drawing up a new Healthy Eating Policy and your feedback and input would be really helpful - as well as some ideas for healthy snacks!

Library - Ms Cregan's got the Golden Book Award

Golden Boot - Well done to the four classes who were equal with numbers walking/cycling/carpooling to school - Ms O'Sullivan's, Mrs Healy's, Mrs Downing, Ms Ryan. Keep it up!

Gaeilge: Comhghairdeas leis na daltaí a bhuaigh an duais Gaeilgóir na Míosa. Rinne siad a ndícheall an Ghaeilge a úsáid i rith an lae.



Student Council: A big thank you to all of the parents, students and staff who supported our recent Cake Sale. The Student Council are delighted to announce that they raised over €2000! Check out the school website for pictures of the yummy bakes and to find out more about our first ever Student Council.



Attendance & Punctuality There has been a huge improvement in school attendance and punctuality. Thanks to all parents for their support in this matter. It is great for habit formation while being in school and on-time ensures children are relaxed, prepared and ready to start the school day. At the moment, our focus is getting the children to be lined up before the bell rings at 8:50am.



Lion's Club: The students of Rang VI helped fundraise for local charities by Carol singing before Christmas in the Heritage Centre. Thanks to the Lion's Club for organising the event. The children serenaded the audience with Somewhere Only We Know, Snow is Falling and It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year. Thanks to Dominic Finn who accompanied the classes and to Mrs Scannell who organised the children on the night.



Grandparents' Day: Catholic Schools' Week is being celebrated from the 30th January to the 3rd February. On Friday of that week, the students of Rang I have invited their grandparents to come into the school for a prayer service in thanksgiving for all they do for the children. This has been a huge success in previous years and we look forward to meeting more grandparents this year. Thanks to Fr Pat, Mrs O'Connor, Ms O'Neill, Ms Moynihan and Ms Crowley and to the grandparents and students of Rang I for all the effort.

Class Masses: Fr Pat is has been working with the Rang IV and VI in preparing for class Masses. The children really impressed their teachers in how they took so much ownership in preparing readings, hymns and prayers for the Mass.



Green Schools

This term we will be continuing to work on our theme- ENERGY. We will be encouraging our students to become more aware of the unnecessary use of energy in school and at home. Each class will nominate an Energy Monitor to help us reduce our consumption of energy in school.



Active School Flag: This year Bunscoil Rinn an Chabhlaigh is working towards achieving the Active School Flag. The school has formed an Active Schools Committee comprised of several staff members and selected pupil representatives from 3rd - 6th Classes (3rd-Rossa, Cian, Isobel; 4th-Ava, Theo, Abi; 5th-Katie, Lucy C, Lucy; 6th-Molly, Milena, Dylan and Jamie). The committee will meet to discuss physical education and activity within the school. The aim is to get everyone more active, more often and promote physical activity in fun and enjoyable ways. Check out our school website soon for further updates and to meet our committee members.

Basketball: 6th class boys and girls have set up a school basketball team and are busy training for the upcoming competitions this month. Thanks to all who got involved and to Ms Murphy, Mr Kiely and Mrs Sheehy for the coaching the students.

GAA: Lots of indoor hurling and camogie training going on at the moment. The Sciath na Scol will be starting soon so best of luck to the teams as they prepare!



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Thanks to the credit union who organised a great table quiz in the Commodore Hotel on the 30th January for 5th and 6th class. Well done to Amy, Helen, Ódhran and Lorcan who came second in the 5th class competition. It came down to two tie-breaker rounds in the end for the 6th class winners. Ben, Sam, Mikolaj and Faruq beat the Gaelscoil by just one point to eventually take the top spot and are now through to the Regional Heats in March. Well done to all the teams and subs and thanks to all the parents for bringing the children out on such a wet night.



Thanks to the Dads who came in before and after Christmas to help erect and then dismantle the stage for the shows. The classes performed their hearts out and having such a great stage really encourages the children to give it their all.



Thanks to Robin Howie and the team in BioMarin, Ringaskiddy for donating four used laptops. The laptops are in great condition and go a long way in helping teachers utilise all the wonderful on-line resources available to classes. If anyone knows of or works in a company that is looking to donate their old equipment for teacher and student use, please keep us in mind!!



Here is a flavour of just some of the great Initiatives currently running in Bunscoil Rinn an Chabhlaigh ...

Friends for Life : Well done to Rang V who just completed the Friends for Life course - a positive mental health programme. Rang VI are just about to start it and they will definitely enjoy it. Be sure to ask your children about it if their class is involved. We are currently having our teachers trained so we can continue to encourage positive mental health at all class levels. Other mental health programmes currently being taught are Friendship Terrace in Rang I and a Resilience Programme in Mr Duggan's class.

Literacy Lift-Off : This activity, in which classes are split into small groups of about six, targets reading, writing and word-attack skills. Each 'station' lasts for eight minutes. Ranganna I have completed their four weeks and now the LLO team of teachers, led by Mrs Luddy have moved on to Senior Infants.

Maths Blast : Like Literacy Lift-Off, this is a station teaching activity in the junior classes. The focus is number and it runs every day for four weeks. The team, led by Mrs McGuinness are currently in Rang I. Be sure to ask your child about it.

Building Bridges : You may hear your child mention 'predicting', 'connecting' or 'inferring'. They are talking about our Building Bridges Programme which helps with reading comprehension. Watch out for more tips about this and how you can help at home on our school App

Tin Whistle : As part of a new initiative within the school, Mr Walsh is training some classes and teachers in the tin-whistle. It's working really well so far so keep up the practising - and that goes for the teachers too!

Debating : Some students in Rang VI have been learning formal debating skills with Ms Murphy and Ms Ryan since the autumn. Some amazing arguments have been made and retorted! It's competition time now so good luck to the Evan, Emily, Nell, Hilary, Faruq and Aine who will represent the school against Scoil na nÓg in the Primary Debating Competition.

Chess : Big thanks to Mr O'Brien who has been running a chess club with some of the senior children after school. There are some serious players to watch out for!

If you haven't already downloaded our school App then please do have a look at it on iTunes or Google Play by searching for 'BSRAC App'. It's free and it is a really convenient way to keep on top of school updates and news. You can even log in and select a class level so that you only get updates about your children's classes. We will continue to send emails about important matters but for everyday information, the App will be useful for all involved. It's still early days so be sure to send in your feedback about how we can improve the App.



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