May Newsletter

**Calendar dates**

Save the dates:

Friday 12th May – Our annual *Just Dance* event. All the classes will take part in a Dance-Off competition. Children may wear their own clothes for the day. This year we are running *Just Dance* as a fund-raiser for a family of a sick child. Children may bring in €2 on the day. It will be a great day.

Tues 30th May - St Brigid’s Infants, St Brigid’s Girls and St Fergal’s will all close for a staff training day.

June Bank Holiday weekend – The three schools will be off on Fri 2nd June, Mon 5th June and Tues 6th June.

**Attendance**

We are making a huge drive to improve our attendance this year to get it back on track after Covid. Let’s keep the momentum going to the very last day of term.

If children are absent, they may miss important end-of-year assessments which we need for planning learning programmes for next year. They will also miss all the fun. The teachers and SNAs are planning lots of fun for June.

A big shoutout to room 15 and room 3, consistently the best Senior Infant and Junior Infant attenders. Room 17 have an amazing unbeaten record of super attendance every month this year.

Every school day counts, so please bring the children in every school day.

If your child is absent for any reason, let us know with a phone call to Jackie.

**School improvements**

Our new ASD classroom refurbishment is underway.

The classrooms all over the school have had their interactive whiteboards and window blinds upgraded with sponsorship from a local company.

***Kitchen World*** is sponsoring an upgraded fitted kitchen in the staffroom.

School tours will be happening soon. Children should be prepared for the weather on the day (sunscreen/jackets). Lunch and drinks will be provided by Glanmore. We want every child to have a great day on school tour. If you have any concerns, talk to your child’s class teacher or Olwen. All the details will be on Class Dojo.

**Getting ready for next year**

The government’s new school book grant will be a big help to families this summer. All books, workbooks, dictionaries, stationery, scrapbooks, copies, pencils, crayons, glue sticks and scissors will be purchased by the school. We will be asking for €20 to cover the following costs: art materials, photocopying postage of school reports. We will start to collect this money in June.

Navy uniforms and tracksuits are available locally in McAloons in Finglas village and other stores. The crests (€5) and ties (€3) can be bought in the office. (We have a number of donated uniforms for anyone who would needs a spare one.)

**School Places**

We still have a number of places available in Junior Infants and Early Start. Children must be at least 3 years 2 months by 1st Sept for Early Start. Children can do their 2nd ECCE year in Early Start if they have already done 1 year in another preschool. We are hoping to boost our school numbers next year to keep all our staff with us.

We have finished taking applications for our ASD class.

If you have questions or concerns about teaching and learning in school, you can make an appointment to come in and talk to us.