



St. Senan's N.S.

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2 FROM PRÍOMHOIDE JANE

Happy New Year to you all!
Thanks, as always, for the support and commitment to the education of the children in St. Senan's School. It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone back after the Christmas break to a new term. I have no doubt that it will be filled with lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. As a staff we are excited to embark upon this educational journey with you and your child for 2024.

Happy
New Year
2024

THANK
YOU
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STAFF UPDATE

The staff of the school wish to thank all the parents/guardians for their generous donation to the staff before the Christmas holidays. It is much appreciated and we are very grateful to have such a supportive parent body. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir!

This term we welcome Niamh Kenny to the teaching team for Term 2. Niamh is a shared EAL teacher between St. Senan's and St. Tola's. Thanks to Kate Lavender who previously was in this role.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ☑ **Choir:** will recommence on **Monday 15th January 2:30 - 3:15PM** (Please note: no choir Mon. 22nd due to PT Meetings)
- ☑ **Paddy Carrig Tournament:** 16th Jan. & Finals night 18th January
- ☑ **Parent-Teacher Meetings:** Week of 22nd of January - time slots will be released on Aladdin for you to book.
- ☑ **Catholic Schools Week:** 22nd-26th January. Grandparents Day 26th January.
- ☑ **After school Training:** 30th January 2:30-3:15pm (see note further down)
- ☑ **St. Patrick's Comprehensive Induction Days:** 30th & 31st January
- ☑ **Active Homework Challenge:** Month of January - activities posted on Clasdojo
- ☑ **Bingo:** Thursday 1st February @7:30

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association held the first Christmas Movie Night in St. Senan's. It was a great success and the children really enjoyed the night. Thanks to the parents who helped out to organise and run this event. A total of €394 was raised. All money raised will go towards sourcing much needed resources for the school.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The children were very busy in the lead up to Christmas showing off their skills and talents. They performed in Carrigoran Nursing Home for the residents who were delighted to be entertained by beautiful singing and dancing. The children also performed in Shannon Town Centre and Shannon Airport. Thank you to all those who came to support the children and to the various locations who hosted the choir, band and dancers.



FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your donations to Down Syndrome Ireland. The children wore festive jumpers and sang songs using Lámh signs. A generous €305.70 was raised. A cheque will be donated to the Clare Branch in the coming weeks. They have expressed their gratitude for the donation.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Rory Lynch Transport, The Crossroad Tavern, Ade Carew and Alan Watson for their generosity to the school, on their recent 45 Card Drive fundraiser. A total of €1020 was raised. Thanks to all the parents and the local community for supporting the drive on the night. Míle Buíochas!



WINNER

Huge congratulations to Siobhán Linton who won the Jackpot last month. Siobhán is a great supporter of St. Senan's Bingo so we are delighted to have a local winner. Best wishes Siobhán!

Volunteers are always welcome so if you can help out any month please let the PA or Principal know. Your support is greatly appreciated as the Bingo is one of our main fundraisers which help to purchase much needed resources for the school.



HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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We held a very successful Christmas wreath-making workshop in the Parents' Room on 5th of December. Both adults and children really enjoyed getting creative! We hope to hold an information morning with the Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board (LCETB) in the Parents' Room in the coming weeks. This will give you the opportunity to express an interest in various courses you wish to see being provided here. I will inform you of the date in due course.

If you have a query, need support or wish to make an appointment with me I can be contacted on 087-7063527 or siobhan@stsenansns.com.



MEDAL PRESENTATION

The boys and girls football panels received their medals during the December Assembly. We were delighted to have Leah and Leona from Wolfe Tones to present the medals. Thanks to the girls and well done to all! We look forward to supporting our other sports teams as they line out in various codes in the coming weeks and months. The future looks bright for Wolfe Tones!



LIFE SKILLS

Third and Fourth Class children completed the LifeSkills programme with Shelly, SCP worker, over the course of 9 weeks. The children enjoyed discussing topics such as self-esteem, decision-making, social skills, assertiveness, smoking, dealing with stress, among others. The overall aim is to develop children's emotional health and wellbeing by equipping them with the skills and knowledge necessary to make healthy choices. They really enjoyed the sessions.

AFTER SCHOOL TRAINING

Training will resume on Tuesday the 30th of Jan from 2.30 - 3.15pm for pupils from 2nd to 6th class. This term we will focus on basketball, soccer and we will move on to hurling/camogie in the latter part of the term. We are delighted to be entering into a local Basketball Tournament for the first time in a number of years.

The popular FAI 5 a side soccer tournament will also take place for pupils from 4th-6th Class.

After School Training will be split into a carousel of activities with basketball and soccer being offered to the pupils that attend. We will be using the hall and the yard for the next few weeks. Don't forget to bring a drink along to training! We hope to get back out on the pitches after the Feb Mid Term.

JANUARY - ACTIVE HOMEWORK

This week we were delighted to launch an Active Homework Challenge in conjunction with Clare Sports Partnership. Each January we try our best as part of our New Year's Resolutions to become more active! We here in St. Senan's understand that a healthy mind goes hand in hand with a healthy body. Clare Sports Partnership have some fun challenges for the children to try at home! You can access these videos via the links sent out each week on Class Dojo. Feel free to send any photos/vids of the children completing the challenges through the dojo or email. Let's get active for 2024!!



FUN FACT

15 minutes seems to be the “magic number” at which students start seeing substantial positive gains in reading achievement; students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day see the greatest gains of all.

DID YOU KNOW?

BASKETBALL

We are delighted to announce that this year St. Senan's will have a boys and girls basketball team. We endeavour to encourage all our pupils to become more active and to take part in extracurricular activities. The first round of the Marion Keane Memorial Basketball Tournament 2024 takes place on Wednesday, February 7th, at Shannon Leisure Centre. Times and further information to follow on for those chosen to represent the school.



PADDY CARRIG TOURNAMENT 2024

Shannon Interschools Gaelic Football Blitz takes place on Tues 16th of January from 10am - 2pm in Wolfe Tones GAA. We are looking forward to this popular memorial event with 60 players from 3rd-6th Class signed up to take part in this fun day. Finals night is scheduled for Thursday the 18th of January from 5-7pm. All support greatly appreciated. Senan's Abú!

DEAR Challenge for January 2024

Following on from last term's 'Racing to Read' challenge we are eager to continue to encourage our pupils to read daily. So, from Mon the 15th we will start daily DEAR time, as a whole school initiative. It will take place every day for the next month, until the Feb Mid Term Break.

DEAR stands for 'Drop Everything And Read' ! Pupils will have to listen out for the racing car sound effect which will be played in the school at a random time in the day. This will signify that pupils and staff must DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) for 10mins. Pupils and even the adults in the school are looking forward to this initiative!!



INDOOR LEAGUE

This year the Indoor Hurling League for 2nd - 5th (girls) and 2nd - 4th (boys) takes place from 2.00 - 2:30pm on Tuesdays.

Teams and fixture lists were sent out on Class Dojo in November. Players must bring their helmets to school on match days. Some helmets are available in the school and hurleys will be provided for the teams.

There will be an indoor hurling/camogie competition taking place in the coming weeks. We will notify parents in due course.

Clare, Galway, Tipperary and Dublin won their first round matches. Second round kicks off next Friday, due to Paddy Carrig Memorial on Tuesday, other matches will resume on Tuesdays for the rest of the term.

PILATES

We are very lucky to have been granted funding by CLDC to host Eimer McCarthy to do a 6-week block of pilates with some of the classes. Eimer will start this Friday, 12th of January with Juniors, 5th & 6th classes. Please ensure the children wear their school tracksuit.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

The Lunch Bag app options can change from time to time so please take this time to update your child's choices. Even better, give them the choice to choose their own food options as it has come to our attention that there are a number of children not eating the hot lunches. This leads to a staggering amount of waste! If your child has opted out of the hot lunches **PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE** and the order can be cancelled. Otherwise, please take the time to go through the menu with your child & allow them to pick foods they like.

LITTLE KICKERS

Little Kickers are coming to Shannon. Classes will start on 27th January and caters for children aged between 18 months and 5 years. The aim is to give children a positive introduction to sport in a fun environment. Please check littlekickers.ie or check them out on Facebook for further information. You can also email acrowley@littlekickers.ie.



CHRISTMAS GROTTO

SCP Staff would like to thank all the families that attended Santa's grotto in St. Senan's. The children that work with Cora & Shelly were delighted to meet the main man Santa and Joe Buckley was on hand to take photographs and as always, was so generous to give us his time - thanks Joe! Thanks to the Cora & Shelly for organising the event - it was wonderful!



READING AWARDS FOR DECEMBER





ATTENDANCE AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR TERM 1

