



St. Senan's N.S.

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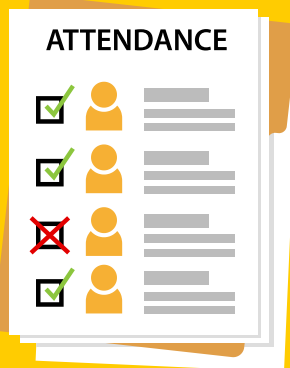
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ATTENDANCE INITIATIVE

During the month of November we hosted our Attendance Drive - HERO month.

The aim of this is to get students and parents/guardians to think about the importance of school attendance and encourage families to attend every day. There were individual and class prizes within the school to promote this.

In November 2022, our overall school attendance rate for the month was 90.1%. The aim was to improve whole school attendance and we improved this figure to 91.5%. We will run this initiative again in the next school term and hope to improve the numbers further. Thank you for supporting this drive!



IMPORTANT DATES:

- Swimming:** 3rd & 4th Class **Tuesday 7th November - 12th December**
- Christmas Craft Workshop:** 5th Dec.
- Bingo:** Thursday 7th Dec. @7:30
- School Closure:** 13th Dec. No school for the children to facilitate new Maths Curriculum training for staff.
- Christmas Jumper Day:** 15th Dec. in aid of Down Syndrome Ireland
- Carrigoran:** 15th Dec. The choir will perform for the elderly residents @11:15
- 45 Card Drive:** Sat. 16th Dec. Fundraiser in the Crossroads Tavern @7pm
- Class Performances:** 19th Dec. in school hall 9-11am
- Town Centre:** 20th Dec. - Performance by the choir/band.
- Airport:** 21st Dec. Performance by the choir/band.
- End of Term:** 22nd Dec. School closed at 12:30pm.
- Bingo:** January 4th @7:30pm

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association are holding a Christmas Movie Night fundraiser on Wednesday, 13 December. Two movies will be shown: Santa Paws for Juniors to 2nd Class and Home Alone for 3rd to 6th Class. €5 entry per child and tickets can be bought on Wednesday 6th of December in school. Members of the PA will be in school on that day to take payment. More details to follow. They would appreciate help to organise the event and to supervise/help out on the night. This event is only for pupils of St. Senan's N.S. Your support is greatly appreciated.





GAA NEWS

- CONGRATULATIONS to the girls Cumann na mBunscol team who won the Division 6 Football Final with a very convincing win over our near neighbours St. Aidan's. A well deserved victory for a tenacious bunch of girls. Thanks to the mentors, supporters and club GDO Caimin for all their work and support.
- Our boys fought a tough battle to the bitter end to come up short against strong opponents Gaelscoil Uí Choimín in the Division 6 Boys Football Final. It was down to the wire at the end but unfortunately we just came up short. Well done to the boys and their mentors. We look forward to getting back on the road again with the Cumann na mBunscol hurling in the Spring term.
- Thanks to the PA who provided a Pizza Party to the boys & girls teams after the final.

DON'T FORGET!

REMINDER: 6th Class Parents – please remember to accept and submit Part 2 of your application for St. Patrick's Comprehensive. For those awaiting places, letters will be issued offering second round places in the coming weeks. St. Caimin's places will be sent out on 1/12/'23.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The classes will be putting on a Christmas performance in the school hall on Tuesday 19th December from 9-11am. More details will follow about the performances from individual Class Teachers in the coming days. The school choir, band & dancers will also be performing at various venues to spread some Christmas cheer. See Important Dates (pg 1) for dates & times.

Congratulations!

We'd like to extend our congratulations to Príomhoide Tori and Múinteoir Kate on the birth of their babies Joe and Croía. All are doing well and we send them our good wishes.



HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LIAISON (HSCL)

Parent Courses: Unfortunately, due to a lack of numbers we were forced to re-schedule our parent courses until the next school term. More information will follow.

Christmas Craft Workshop: following the success of the Halloween Workshop, we are holding a Christmas themed class. This is now full so thank you for your support. If you need support or wish to make an appointment with Siobhán to visit you she can be contacted on 087-7063527 or siobhan@stsenansns.com.



TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOWBOX APPEAL



Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal was a great success so THANK YOU to all who donated from the school and the wider community. Your generosity will make the world of difference to many children this Christmas.



RACING TO READ READING CHALLENGE

On Friday the 27th of October we launched a new whole school reading challenge called 'Racing to Read'. The challenge is up and running & will continue until the 22nd of December. As a school we will endeavour to reach a total of 50,000 minutes by the end of December!

Each week the total minutes read by each class is tallied and the winning group get access to the Mobile Library for that week.

Winners so far:

Week 1: 2nd & 5th; Week 2: 2nd & 5th; Week 3: Sen/1st & 4th; Week 4: 3rd & 4th; Week 5: 4th.

Remember, reading is part of homework every night so we ask parents to ensure time is set aside for this. Did you know?? If you read for 20 minutes per day you will read 1,800,000 words in a year!

Also, reading for just 6 minutes per day reduces stress by 68%!!

SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week took place from 12-19th November. Classes took part in various activities throughout the week. 6th Class were kindly invited to St. Caimin's for the morning where the students displayed a range of exciting experiments. A challenge was also set for the older and younger students and we received lots of amazingly long paperchains and very creative landmarks. Some exciting experiments were also tested in classrooms. Well done all!



5TH CLASS BEACH VISIT

Flossie and The Beach Cleaners are an ever-growing community of marine enthusiasts that run fun and engaging workshops for children. The workshops focus on teaching children about the issues of plastic pollution, climate change and the impacts on our marine life locally and across the world. They take a positive and fun approach to these topics in order to empower children to take action and lessen their sense of powerlessness. As part of our Green School Initiative, 5th Class are very lucky to have been chosen to take part in this fun workshop and will travel to Lahinch beach on the 6th of December.



BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The appointment of our new Board of Management (2023-27) has now been concluded. Our elected members are: Geraldine Lambert (Chairperson, Patron nominee)

Mike McPhillips (Patron nominee)

Suzanne Comerford (Parent nominee)

Brian Keane (Parent nominee)

Margaret Sheedy (Community nominee, Treasurer)

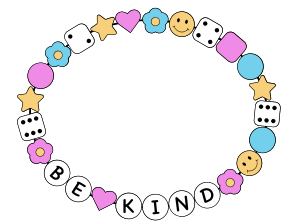
Karen Dunne (Community nominee)

Jane O'Leary (Teacher nominee)

Tori Dillon (Principal & Secretary of the Board)

Kelly McCarthy is acting teacher nominee and Jane O'Leary is acting Principal while Tori Dillon is on maternity leave.

The new Board met for the first time this month (Nov.) and we wish to thank the members for their service to our school community as volunteers.



Well done!

Congratulations to Jack & Patrick who won medals, cups and belts for their outstanding efforts at the Munter Dancing Championships in Killarney last weekend. Did you know that Múinteoir Jayme also won the same cup as Alex in the year 2008??!



6th Class visit to St. Caimin's & 3rd - 6th class Science Quiz



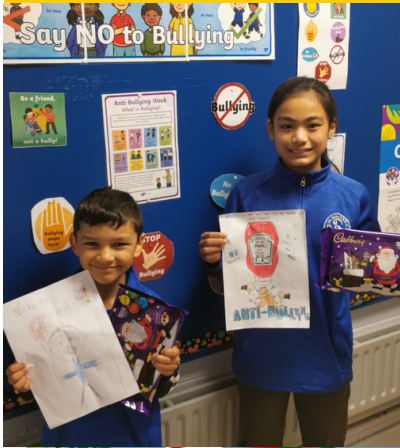
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JUNIOR INFANTS

Junior Infants were very busy for the month of November. Our Aistear theme was The Post Office. We had to write letters and put them into an envelope and put a stamp on it. Some children had to weigh their parcels and pay the postage. We were so lucky that our local post man dropped in to say hi and An Post sent us a Post box and pencils. The most important letter we wrote was our Santa letter this week. We walked to the Post Box and sent them to the North Pole. We are looking forward to Christmas!



Competition winners
Biella & Rehan



SCP STAFF

Hi everyone, I would like to introduce myself as the new part-time school completion project worker. I am based in St Senan's and Gaelscoil Donncha Rua - two primary schools in Shannon. I have been working now for nearly 6 months in my new role. Our overall main aim is to work with young people on a social and personal level, devising and implement programs to suit their growing needs. I am really enjoying getting to know the young people on a personal level and their parents, who have been very supportive. I would like to thank all the management and staff of both schools for making me feel so welcome. If any of you have any queries or questions regarding the work that we do please don't hesitate to phone me on 085-2719100 or email coraryan@scp.ie



Christmas Clothing Swap

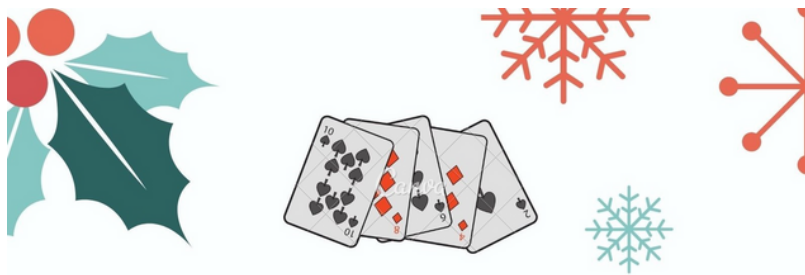
Monday - Friday
4th - 8th Dec.
Parents' Room, St. Senan's N.S.

Let's aim to be more sustainable this Christmas!



Bring in wearable & clean children's festive jumpers/PJs to swap.
**You don't have to donate one to take one.





CROSSROADS TAVERN

45 Card Drive

PRIZES KINDLY SPONSORED BY RORY LYNCH TRANSPORT LIMITED

SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

€20 ENTRY FEE

PLEASE LEAVE NAME BEHIND THE BAR

IN AID OF ST. SENAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

ALSO A CHANCE TO WIN RAFFLE PRIZES ON THE NIGHT!



FUNDRAISER

A 45 Card Drive is being held to raise vital funds for the school. Prizes have been kindly supported by Rory Lynch Transport Limited. Share this event with friends & family to help spread the word.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week took place from the 20th-24th November in St. Senan's N.S. We kick started the week off with a poster competition for the junior and senior end. Each class then took part in various activities throughout the week such as making compliment bracelets, tracing and colouring in our hand to show we are all unique and having discussions on the importance of friendship. On Friday classes finished up the week by watching a movie with an anti-bullying theme. Well done to Rehan in 2nd class and Biella in 6th class on winning the poster competition! Also a special thank you to the Student Council for their input and ideas for the week.

MÚINTEOIR SINÉAD'S CLASS

This month our theme has been fish. We have been learning about the importance of clean water, the lifecycle of fish and how to care for pet fish. We were lucky enough to have Andrea from Rockhall Vets call to our class to speak with us. She taught us how to spot for signs of mites, fleas and ticks in our pet cats and dogs and how to care for canine and feline teeth! After all our hard work this month, we welcomed our very first class pets. We're taking votes on what to name them!

We are half way through our block of gymnastics lessons with Clare Sports Partnership. We are working so hard you might see us in Paris for the 2024 Olympics!

