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Newsletter – September/ October 2021



Cahergal N.S.

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Midterm Message

Thank you to all of our parent body for your support and cooperation over the past two months. Our wonderful pupils are happily settled back into school life and doing what children do best; learning, laughing and growing together. All the staff and B.O.M. of Cahergal N.S wish you a safe Halloween Break.

School Closures to note:

Mid-Term Break – Closing Friday 22nd October – Re-opening on Monday 1st November

September/October ~ Look Back

Carmel retires from Cahergal N.S. – Thursday last, 14th October, marked the end of an era in Cahergal N.S. as our wonderful secretary Carmel retired after 21 loyal and dedicated years. An immensely kind and caring lady, Carmel looked after everyone in our school, pupils, staff and parents. Her warm and gentle ways made Cahergal a home from home for everyone in it and whether she was looking after a sick child or bargaining for a good price when booking a bus, every deed and task was done with the utmost efficiency and care. Carmel's dedication to her job and to the school has been immeasurable. We are so proud and privileged to have had such a fantastic person as part of our team over the past two decades. Everyone in our school wish Carmel all of the good health and happiness she deserves in this next chapter of her life. We thank her for the tremendous contribution she has given toward making Cahergal N.S. a special place.



Carmel on her retirement



First Holy Communion Class 2021

First Holy Communion - Big congratulations to our wonderful Third Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church Killarinerin on Sunday, 10th October. This class have waited patiently for their special day. Well done to Niamh, Alex, Elise, Evan, Michaela, Daithí, Nicole W, Martin, Laila, Nicole C and Sophia, on their exemplary conduct during the ceremony and thank you to their parents for the help, understanding and support. Big thank you to Ms. Kelly for all her work last year with this group and special thanks to Ms. Duddy who prepared the class so well for the sacrament. Thank you to members of our Parent Association and B.O.M. for providing such lovely treats for the celebration party.

Maths Week Ireland – We are really looking forward to celebrating Maths Week Ireland 2021 along with thousands of other registered schools across the country. We have lots of fun maths related fun planned for the children.

GAA Football Training – Third to Sixth Classes have just completed a 5 week block of Gaelic Football training with Jack from Galway GAA coaching and games.

Design-a-Card – Thank you to all of our pupils for creating such beautiful Christmas Card designs. These cards will be lovely keepsakes for families in the years ahead. All proceeds raised go towards the school. A huge thank you to Evelyn Carr from our Parents Association for co-ordinating. The designs have been sent to the printers and parents will be able to order their cards online through the Design-A-Card company website when ready. Further details will be emailed to parents when known.

Cross Country Running – A big well done to all of the pupils from Third to Sixth Class who represented us at the East Galway round of Cross Country running in Renmore. Congratulations to Molly McGrath and Dara Ahern who went through to the County final, again in Renmore, and now qualify to represent Cahergal and Galway in the Connacht Final in Sligo this coming Saturday. We are immensely proud of them both.

Trick or Treat for Temple Street – This Friday, 22nd October, we will help raise funds for the sick children in Temple Street Hospital by asking our pupils for €2 contribution as they dress up. All classes will be having a little party so pupils can bring two treats and a drink.

Welcome to Cahergal - A big welcome to Karen Berry as she joins the staff as secretary. May her time with us be happy.

Thank you – A huge word of thanks to Billy Hamilton, father of Quinn in Junior Infants, for gifting the school a beautiful 3D map of Ireland. The fabulous map is hanging on the wall between the senior classes and is already proving a very valuable learning resource. Thank you Billy.

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal – We are delighted to take part in the Shoe Box Appeal, a special initiative which allows children to help those in need elsewhere in the world. We are sending home information to all pupils with this newsletter and if families require a shoebox please let us know as we have some donated by former parent, John Holian. While this is a lovely initiative there is no obligation on any family to participate.

Literacy Lift-Off – Our 1st and 2nd Class pupils are enjoying a 5 week block of Literacy Lift-Off. This is a fun and focused initiative aimed at boosting children's reading interest and ability. Thank you to 1st and 2nd Class parents for your cooperation.

November/December ~ Look Ahead

Parents Association A.G.M. – Our Parents Association A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, 2nd November, @7pm in the school. This is a lovely way for parents to get involved in the school community and get to know people. New members very welcome. We are continually grateful for the work, support and help of our Parents Association.

Parent Teacher Meetings – We will hold in person Parent/Teacher Meetings on the 9th and 10th of November in the school. Times and dates for each family will be emailed to parents before the end of the week. If any parent cannot attend their given time, please let us know via return email and we will try to find a suitable time.

Christmas Raffle – The date and time of our Annual Christmas Raffle will be soon be finalised. This important fundraiser is an important event in our school calendar. We will send out ticket books to each family in mid-November.

Active Flag – This year we hope to secure our second Active Flag Award for the promotion of physical health and exercise. We will be setting up our Active Committee in November and they will help us energise the school day and reduce sedentary time.

Green Schools – Our Green Schools Committee will also be busy with their work in the coming months as we prepare for our seventh flag in Global Citizenship (Energy). We will start by doing a school and home review of energy use.

Covid-19 – A reminder to parents to please continue to be vigilant if your child is portraying any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19 (all of which are available on www2.hse.ie and emailed to you as part of our reopening procedures in August). All of our preventative procedures remain in place in the school. There have been significant changes to contact tracing in schools which have been emailed to parents so I urge you to continue the wonderful considerate efforts you put in to date. Thank you.