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## JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school term and a Happy New Year to all. Our calendar of events is already filling up quickly with plenty of activities running throughout the school. Please take note of the following items of information:

**Fundraiser: Christmas Raffle:** We would like to express our sincere thanks to all our sponsors and parents who donated gifts and raffle prizes to our school Christmas fundraiser. A total of €2,526.00 was raised for resources for our school. Sincere thanks for all your support and a tremendous outcome for our fundraiser.

**BOM Building:** The Board are currently reviewing the draft plans for the new building. Although this is awhile away, the BOM are hoping to put an application for planning in soon. We wish to thank our previous BOM for all their work to get this far.

### **Enrolment for September 2024:**

Our school is now enrolling for September 2024. Please inform any families you may be aware of in the locality to contact the school for enrolment details. Enrolment forms are available on our school website. Hard copies are available by contacting the school. Before & After School Childcare Services also available.

### **FAI Primary School's 5 a side Soccer Competitions:**

Pupils from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will participate in the 5 a side soccer competition. Boys matches will be held on 14<sup>th</sup> February and girls matches will be on 13<sup>th</sup> February. A bus will be organised to attend.

### **School Closures:**

We have been advised that the school will be required for forthcoming Referendum and European Election votes on March 8<sup>th</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed to staff and students on these days. I will send out a reminder closer to both days.

### **Car Park:**

Please ensure the Car Park is used as a drop off and collection point only. In order for the effective flow of the drop off area, please **only park in the spaces provided** or at the front of the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

Gort Community School Matinee "The Addams Family":

Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will attend the musical "The Addams Family" on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**. Please return the permission slip to the class teacher and the cost of €7.00 if you have not already done so. Payment online please – IBAN Number IE05BOFI90386729523710

Rugby Training will commence for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils every Friday at 9:30am. We are very fortunate to have a coach from the Corinthians RFC. Pupils can bring in a change of clothes on Fridays as they will be training on the grass.

St Brigid's Day Closure: There will be no school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** for St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday.

Catholic Schools Week:

Catholic School Week will take place from Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and the theme of Catholic School Week will be Communities of Service. School's Week. All Classes will place emphasis on the theme.

January 2024 – Non-Uniform Fundraising Day & Scrap Metal Collection:

This month's 'Non Uniform Day' will be held on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. €2.00 per pupil or €5.00 per family. We are continuing with the Scrap Metal Collection and if you have any items, please place them in the skip at Gort Mart. (Thank you for your continued support).

Work on our school Astro Pitch will commence in the coming months.

Emergency numbers and important Information:

Please update emergency contact details and any allergy or other medical information for your child. It is important that these details are updated regularly. You can contact our school secretary to do so.

Credit Union Quiz:

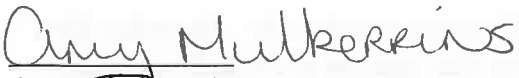
A number of pupils will be taking part in the Credit Union Schools Quiz on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024** in Sullivan's Hotel. The quiz will commence at 7:30pm. A junior and senior team will be representing our school. Best of luck to our teams on the night. Please sign the permission letter and return if you have not already done so.

Spikeball:

Our school's Spikeball competition will take place for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class on **9<sup>th</sup> February 2023**. More details will be furnished regarding travel arrangements closer to the time.

Thank you all for your continued support. Keep safe in the frosty weather!

Kind regards,

  
Amy Mulkerrins  
Principal.