



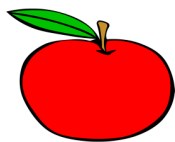
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Healthy Lunches and Green School

We would like to remind you that we have a Healthy Lunch Policy in the school. Children are not allowed fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum. Thanks to a government initiative, we are able to provide the pupils with a healthy snack at **small break** each day. So you only need to supply lunch. For health and safety, we would also ask you not to give your children nuts as there are children in the school who have a nut allergy. If you have any queries, please speak with the principal.



Visit of Norwegian and Croatian Teachers

A group of teachers from Norway and Croatia came to visit our school this month. They had a particular interest in Literacy Lift off and Aistear and were most impressed with the work being done and how well behaved and hard working our pupils were. Well done to all the staff and pupils!

Literacy Lift Off



The Literacy Lift Off reading initiative has already begun in our first classes. Five teachers work with each of the classes during the reading lesson. Pupils work at five stations; reading new books, writing, reading familiar books, working with words and developing their oral language. Every 12 minutes the pupils move to a new station. Each night the pupils will have a book to read in their folder. Please take time to read with them and make sure that the book is returned each day, as another group will need it the next day.

We hope that by developing the children's reading skills, they will become confident and happy readers.

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Incredible Years

We use the Incredible Years programme in our school, where we try to manage children's behaviour in a positive way. It works very well and children much prefer to be praised than given out to! We do our best to try to 'catch the children being good' and to encourage children to want to be good. Ask your child what it means when we say to them, 'Show/give me five! They should be able to tell you that this means they:

1. Have hands on lap
2. Feet on the ground
3. Ears listening
4. Mouth closed
5. Eyes on teacher

They also use a 'quiet hand' and wait their turn to speak in class. We are very proud of how well behaved and respectful the pupils in our school are.

Green Schools' News

As part of our Green Schools' Programme, every class has a recycling bin, a composting bin and a bin for other waste. The children are very good at using the correct bins. We also encourage our pupils to take pride in their classrooms and to keep them clean and tidy. There is a trophy awarded to the class with the tidiest classroom each week. Each class also has an energy sherriff who keeps an eye on lights and computers. October is reuse month and the book swap resumes in reception. Children can bring in a book and swap it for another one. Children are allowed to swap a book as often as they like.

Calendar for Term 1

Oral Language Day: Department of Education Staff Training Day Monday 14th October - no school for the pupils

Parents' Association AGM: Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm in cafeteria. All very welcome. It is a great way to hear what is going on in our school, to become involved and to make new friends!.

Cake Sale: Parents' Association cake Sale takes place on October 23rd.

Cash for Clobber clothing collection in October: 1st to the 18th October. Please keep collecting unwanted clothing items, shoes, bags and bring them to Junior or Senior schools in October

Mid term break: 28th October to 1st November inclusive

Course for Parents

Mondays: Woodwork 9-11

Mondays: English classes 9-11

Tuesdays: Mosaic and stained glass window classes 9-11

Fridays: Beauty classes 9-11

These courses are all free to parents. Please feel free to contact Barbara or Shane at 086 6040686 if you are interested in