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It has been a busy few weeks at school. Pupils and teachers are working hard with literacy, numeracy, and all other areas of the curriculum. The children have been enjoying music generation with their music teachers Fiana and Killian. They're also having great fun learning GAA skills with coaches Ollie and Gerry.



### Green Schools

- **WALK ON WEDNESDAYS**

After the midterm break, we will recommence our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.

- **SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority Of Ireland) WORKSHOPS**



Our Senior infant classes had a wonderful time last week participating in energy workshops facilitated by Aine Ni Fhlathartha. They learned about ways that they could save water and conserve heat. They watched some very exciting experiments too. Ask them all about it!

### Midterm break

There will be no school for children on Thursday and Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February as it is midterm break.

### Safety of Children

REMINDER: **Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age.** Classroom doors open at 9am each day. Please wait with your child until the teacher welcomes him/her into the classroom. Likewise, please ensure that you, or a designated adult collects your child from his/her classroom door. The safety and welfare of our pupils is of the utmost importance to us all. Thank you for your co-operation on this.

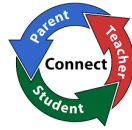
### A message from our Lollipop Lady



Please remember to drive extremely slowly on Station Road and Friar's Walk (the roads in front of the school entrances) at drop off and pick up times. Our children are very young and could forget the rules of the road.

## Joining the Library

The children are really enjoying listening to the stories that their teachers read to them. They also love to look at and read books themselves. If your child is not already a member of Ennis library, it might now be a good time to join. There are thousands of books to choose from there, which would really help to support your child's interest and love of reading.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings (except for Junior Infants) are taking place next week in school. Please book a slot for your child's parent teacher meeting, on our Aladdin app, if you have not done so already. If you are having difficulties with this, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or with Ita at reception. Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infant parents and Room 1 parents will take place in March.

## Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl (086 6040686) and Evelyn (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, are always available to chat with and to support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

## Gardening

We are gardening every Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 am. We need your help getting the garden ready for Spring. New parents are very welcome. We look forward to meeting all the parents that helped us last year.

**Junior School Parents:** Meet Evelyn at Junior School reception door @ 9.00 am.

**Senior School Parents:** Meet Darryl at the garden @ 9.00 am.

## Punctuality



It is very important that children are dropped to school on time each morning and are collected on time every afternoon. Thank you for ensuring that this happens. Children are happier, more secure, and more focused to learn when they come and go to school on time each day.

## Calendar for Term 2

**Staff Training Day:** No school for pupils – Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

**Mid-term break:** Thursday and Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2023

**St Patrick's Day Weekend:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Easter Holidays:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 inclusive



To see our calendar for the school year 2022-2023 please click here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>