

S.N. CNOC NA MANACH
MINANE BRIDGE
CO. CORK
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11/02/19

Dear Parent/Guardian,

STAFF MEETING

As previously advised, to facilitate a staff meeting, children will finish and leave school at **1.30pm** on **Wednesday 27th February**. The usual school bus provision will operate at this time.

STAFF IN-TRAINING – SCHOOL CLOSURES

Please note that school will be **closed** on the following dates for Staff In-School Training: **Wednesday 20th March** and **Thursday 4th April**.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

As part of Catholic Schools' Week, pupils in Ms. Joyce's and Ms. Bennett's infant classes celebrated 'Grandparents Day' on Friday 1st February. Pupils invited their grandparents to visit their classroom to attend a short performance. The children also prepared questions to ask their grandparents about what life was like when they were children. Everyone was delighted to welcome so many grandparents, especially the ones who were kind enough to sing a song, recite poetry and play a bit of music! We would like to thank all those who attended. We would also like to acknowledge, with gratitude, the Parents' Association who kindly provided tea/coffee for this occasion and a special mention to staff members who baked some lovely cakes for our guests!

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

A number of pupils represented the school once again in a Table Tennis Tournament which was held in Kinsale on Thursday 24th January. Our teams were very successful, winning gold and silver medals. Well done to all involved!

MONDAY MILE

Since the beginning of this term, all pupils have been participating in our weekly **Monday Mile**. Walking is a great way to stay active for people for all ages, particularly for children as it promotes healthy growth whilst also introducing them to the pleasure of regular physical exercise. Pupils are enjoying the opportunity to get out into the fresh air and go for a walk with their classmates and everyone is looking forward to continuing this activity over the coming weeks (weather permitting!)

FIRST CONFESSION

The Parish **First Confession Ceremony** will take place on **Monday, 25th March at 7.00 p.m.** in the **Sacred Heart Church, Minane Bridge**.

RECORDER CLASSES: FIRST TO SIXTH CLASSES

The February – May fee for Recorder Classes (**€10 per child**) is now due. If you haven't already done so, please forward this amount as soon as possible either to your child's class teacher or by ePayment. *This activity is being subsidised by the Parents' Association.*

INHALERS/SWIMMING

If your child needs to bring an inhaler to swimming, please advise class teacher in writing.

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SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Please note that siblings of children starting school next September have a letter in their communication folders today regarding 2019 enrolment information.

- ***Enrolments 2019-2023***
Enrolment Request Forms for children commencing school in September 2019 and the following years, up to and including 2023, may be obtained by contacting the school office. In order to assist with school planning, should any pupil have younger pre-school age siblings not already enrolled in school, please contact the office (4887272) as soon as possible for an Enrolment Request Form for completion and return. In addition, we would be grateful if you could advise any neighbours and relatives who live in the parish, have pre-school children and intend sending their children to S.N. Cnoc Na Manach to contact the school for an Enrolment Request Form.
- ***Open Day for 2019 Enrolments***
The school will hold an **Open Day** on **Friday, 15th March** from **2.15pm to 3.00pm** for **2019 Enrolments**. Parents/guardians, together with their children who are commencing school in **September 2019**, are invited to attend.
- ***Enrolment Review***
We are presently reviewing our pupil enrolment numbers for next September. If there are any pupils currently enrolled in the school who will not be attending next September, we would be grateful if their parents could please notify the school as soon as possible.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

We are currently updating our class libraries and are hoping to get some new books. Before we purchase any new books we are asking for donations of books from home. Once we know what we have in stock we can then purchase what we need. If there are books at home that you have finished with we would love to have them so that others can enjoy reading them too. If you have books to send we would be delighted to accept suitable books. The books can be suitable for any age group as we will share them across the school. Due to problems with space and recycling and to avoid overstocking please understand that we will have to return to you any books that cannot go into one of the class libraries. Each class teacher will decide on a day he/she will be accepting books. This will be written into the homework journal. We look forward to sharing our love of reading with all the children.

APPOINTMENT/COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE

We wish to remind parents/guardians of the school's Appointment/Communication Procedure and attach a copy of same for your attention.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce that our school website has a new look and we would like to thank Michael Duffy for his assistance. We hope everyone will find the new improved website easily accessible: www.minanebridgens.com.

MID-TERM BREAK

Please note that school will be closed for the mid-term break from **Monday 18th February until Friday 22nd February** inclusive and will re-open on **Monday 25th February**.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
School Principal

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