

SAFETY NOTICES:

- ALL PUPILS MUST WEAR A COAT TO SCHOOL IN WINTER
- SUPERVISION STARTS AT 8:20AM
- DROP AND GO IN THE MORNINGS
- NO PARENTS ON SITE DURING YARD BREAKS
- ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 1PM FOR 1:20PM PICK-UP.
- BUS BAYS ARE FOR THE BUSES ONLY
- STAFF CAR PARK IS A RESTRICTED AREA
- WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL
- ANY SAFETY OR WELFARE CONCERNS CONTACT:

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Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed the midterm break and are ready for more busy and fun-filled school days.



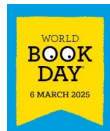
Science & Engineering Week

From next Tuesday, we will focus on some Science and Engineering lessons. Next week is officially Engineers Week. There are some great free family fairs taking place over the weekend. Here is the link if anyone would like to know more <https://www.engineersireland.ie/Schools/Engineers-Week/Family-Fairs>



Dress Up Day Friday 7th March

We are marking World Book Day next Friday, with a Dress-Up Day. All students are invited to take part if they wish. We do not want any parents to feel under pressure, the goal is to encourage the boys to think about their favourite story characters and to try and represent them by dressing up. This might encourage others to read about them too.



World Book Day

World Book Day is officially on Thursday 6th March but we will be busy already on that day with our STEM activities. That said, we have librarians from Portarlinton Library coming in to visit. They will ensure that all boys in 2nd Class are signed up for the library and eligible to borrow books and practice their reading outside of school. Learning to read is one of the greatest skills we can learn and reading for pleasure has an incredible affect on a child's progress in their education. Each student will also receive a World Book Day book token, which they can use to purchase a book in local bookshops and in big shops like Lidl, Tescos, Easons, WH Smith and Waterstones. Tokens can be spent until Sunday 23rd March.



Tech Parenting Course

The 3rd webinar of the 'Parenting the Tech Savvy Child' took place this Wednesday. There is one more webinar to go next week. We hope parents are finding the course helpful.



Hurling League

Training has started this week on preparations for the upcoming hurling league. Best of luck to our two teams!



Dates for the Diary

Monday 3rd March— Maths Curriculum Day— School is closed
Friday 7th March-Dress Up for World Book Day



The Band

Our new school band is learning some tunes and how to march, in order to be ready for the St Patrick's Day parade in Portarlinton. Parents of those involved will receive emails with practice videos, so that the boys can practice at home.



Tin Whistle Challenge

We recently invited the family of the late Gerry Conway to join us in remembering the wonderful work Gerry did throughout his life in teaching children how to play music. The boys put on a lovely tin whistle performance.