



ASHBOURNE
EDUCATE TOGETHER
NATIONAL SCHOOL

Newsletter

18/02/2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope this Newsletter finds you all well. As we approach the February Mid-term I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and parents for their cooperation, positivity and support over the last half term. We are awaiting further information from the Department of Education and Public Health as to what changes we can expect to see in schools when we return after the break. We hope that schools will really start to get back to normal. I will be in touch with information when I know more.

Mid-term Break Feb 21st- 25th

The school is closed next week for the Mid-term break. We will reopen on Monday 28th February at 8:15am

PTA

The PTA will be hosting a meeting in the school on Tuesday 1st March at 7pm in the PE hall. We would encourage as many Parents to attend as possible. The PTA is considering hosting a family event the weekend of the 13th May. They require a substantial number of volunteers to do so. If you are interested in volunteering, please come on the night. The PTA is a great way to get to know other parents and to become more involved in supporting the school and your child's education.

Friendship Week

This week all the students and staff took part in Friendship Week. It was such a positive week, everyone was partaking in random acts of kindness and going that extra mile for our friends. Our Amber Flag Committee inspired us with daily quotes and messages about friendship.

Walk On Wednesday

Our Green Schools Committee is encouraging as many people as possible to come to school in an active way. Every Wednesday we announce the winners of the most active class. So if you can after the Mid-term, now that the mornings are getting brighter and the weather is starting to improve, we would encourage as many people as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

GAA

Training for children in 4th, 5th and 6th Classes will resume in the coming weeks and we hope to enter the Fingal leagues in Term 3.

RSE

RSE (Relationships & Sexual Education) is an integral part of the S.P.H.E programme. This age-appropriate programme helps teach children about relationships and health. The more sensitive topics of the RSE programme will be covered over the next few weeks when we return after Mid-term. The school uses resources which are developed by the Department of Education to aid the delivery of this programme. Our 6th classes will be provided with 'Busy Body' booklets which they will bring home with them. This programme is mandatory and is a very important part of the curriculum.

Please refer to the S.P.H.E. and RSE whole school plans available on the website for more details on topics covered.

If you have any concerns, please email the office to arrange to speak to the class teacher.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing Mid-term break.

Le meas,

Barbara

Príomhoide