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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Catholic Schools Week** – now until Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.
- **Book Swap (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes)** – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. + Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.
- **Exploration Dome** (in school hall) <http://www.explorationdome.ie/> – Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> – Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Internet Safety Day** – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **St. Mac Dara's Enrolment Assessment (6<sup>th</sup> Class)** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Student Council 2019 Election** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Cross Country Athletics** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Parents' Association Cake Sale** – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **Mid-Term Break** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. inclusive.
- **Confirmation: Information Night for Parents** – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February @7.30pm in Bishop Galvin hall.
- **Cavan Museum Trip (3<sup>rd</sup> Class)** – Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> + Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **ACCORD** – Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> March (6<sup>th</sup> Class), Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> March (5<sup>th</sup> Class)

## Building Update

Work will proceed in the coming weeks on our pathways around the school. The works will go from the area next to the pedestrian gate beside the car park past the reception area and joining the yard next to the Shared Building. This may incur minor interruptions to existing pathways for pupils and parents and we will keep parents updated as to any brief changes to dropping off and collection routes inside the school grounds.

## Book Swap

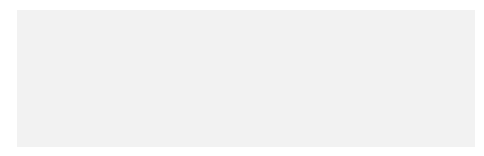
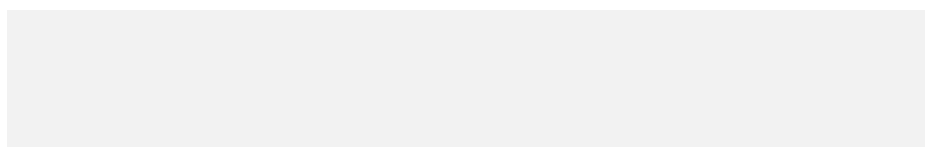
Throughout the school, there is a wonderful culture of reading and with such a diverse level of books available there is scope for children to constantly stimulate their creativity. On Thursday, we invite pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Classes to bring in a book to share – books that they have read and enjoyed so others can get that same experience. Each child will come with a book and will take a book home which we hope will further extend their love of reading.

## Wet Morning Arrangements

*School starts @9.00am. Every morning the doors are open at this time. On wet mornings, the doors are open @8.45am. We ask that parents are mindful of these times when dropping children to school.*



**INTERNET SAFETY DAY**  
Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> February



## More Important News

### Internet Safety Day – Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

Over the course of the school year, we teach children to be vigilant and responsible with their use of technology. Next Tuesday, on Internet Safety Day, organised activities across the school will remind us about both the wonderful benefits and potential dangers that exist with using the internet. We thank parents for their continued and valued co-operation in our school's 'Acceptable Use Policy' which is available to read on our school website. We invite parents to continue to discuss and monitor responsible online use with children. A great support can be found on the following link:

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

### Catholic Schools' Week 2019

Our Catholic Schools Week is ongoing this week. On Wednesday, we welcomed a number of grandparents into our 4<sup>th</sup> Class rooms where they shared many words of wisdom while reminding us all of the care and guidance that all grandparents have given and continue to. The theme of this school year's event is 'Celebrating the Work of our Local Catholic Schools' and through the many activities throughout our school, we are reminded of the connection between our school, our parish and the families in our broader community. We will also remember family members and members of our community who are not with us in our class prayers during the week.

### Parents Association Cake Sale

There's always a buzz of excitement around the school come Cake Sale Day. We look forward to many creative works by pupils and in the coming weeks, many classes will be using Procedural (step-by-step) writing to guide pupils into developing their baking and cooking skills. We remind parents to be mindful of nut allergies – more details will follow in coming weeks.

### Learning about Birds

Recently, our 4<sup>th</sup> classes were treated to a talk by our school caretaker, Mick Smith where he shared with us his love of birds and even brought us in some various species including the amazing falcon and canaries. Mick told the pupils tips on how to care for birds and their importance to nature.



### Student Council 2018/19 – Signing Off....

Student Council is a big role in the development of the school. What you need for Student Council is a strong voice, good attitude, perseverance and confidence. Student Council is a wonderful yet serious honor to earn. We have really enjoyed our time on the Student Council especially our trip to the Dail and feeling like we were role models to others. Thank you to Mrs. Edge and also a big thank you to Mrs. Corbett for all her help throughout our time on the Council. Farewell from the 2018/2019 school Council and best wishes to those who follow in our footsteps.

*by Valentina and Sam on behalf of the  
Student Council*

