



Dear Parents,

As you know Mid-term is upon us and School will be closing on Fri 12th Feb and reopening for the rest of the Spring term on Monday 22nd Feb. We hope everyone enjoys their break.

At the moment in School, the majority of our work is centred around preparation for both our “Service Of Light & Commitment” as well as “Confirmation” itself.

Dates For Diary

Service of Light & Commitment - Tues 9th February – 7.30pm

“Raising Standards amongst Boys” – Wed 10th Feb – 7.30pm in Rainey Endowed.

Parent Interviews for Transfer 2010 – Tues 9th /Wed 10th /Thurs 11th Feb

Confirmation 2010 - Sunday 14th March – 3.00pm.

Curriculum Content for February:

Numeracy – Angles, Bearings, Compass Points. Co-ordinates in 4 Quadrants. General revision of all 5 aspects of P7 Mathematics in preparation for End Of Key stage 2 Assessment. More focus on Oral Mental Maths, listening skills in Maths as well as logical thinking in our working out. Practice of 24 Game to improve mental agility in Mathematics.

Language and Literacy – Reading – group, class, shared, paired and individual reading; please encourage your child to read for 20-30 minutes each night. Continue spelling workbooks. Proof-reading and editing to continue. Reading for Comprehension programme ongoing. Class novel – “The Wildflower Girl” – leads us into “Ireland in the Famine Years.” Focus on Creative Writing and revision of skills to raise standards in P.7.

The World Around Us - Beginning new topic “Ireland in the Famine Years.” Eco Schools Project work.

Religion – Alive – O 7 programme; Preparation for “Service of Light & Commitment” and “Confirmation.” Fruits & Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Research on Life of chosen Saint for Confirmation. Mysteries of Light. Prayers to the Holy Spirit. Working through our Confirmation booklet and linking to other Sacraments. Preparation for Lent. Trocaire & Haiti Appeals.

P.D.M.U Growing and Changing in preparation for Confirmation. Sense of responsibility. Care of others in their own and the wider community. Fruits of the Holy Spirit – Fruit Day (Healthy lifestyles) Trocaire/Haiti. Appeals. Anti Smoking and Confirmation Pledge for a healthy future.

P.E. Tag Rugby Training sessions. Gaelic skills beginning in P7 classes.

The Arts Victorian Artefacts in charcoal. Victorian cross stitch patterns. Painting - Fruits & Gifts of Holy Spirit. Music & song for Confirmation services. Ongoing Class assemblies. Role play.

Thank You for your continued co-operation,

Mrs Anne McKenna,
Mrs Michelle Marley,
Mrs Clare Taggart.