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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 4th February, 2019.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following note carefully:

- **Congratulations** to our seven Year Seven pupils- **Eoin McEvoy, Matthew McKenna, Patrick McCarney** and **Sarah McCarroll (Team A)** and **Ellen Bradley, Sarah Loughran and Ashton Beattie (Team B)** who represented our school so well on Friday night at the **Credit Union Quiz** in **Fintona**. They were enthusiastic, polite and very well-behaved. **Team A** achieved **1st place** and **Team B** achieved **2nd place**. Team A are through to the next round on March 3rd. Each child received a monetary prize and our school received a cheque for **£50**. Well done! Check out our website for photos.
- Congratulations to the 12 boys and girls that represented **St. Patrick's Eskra** in the **Flahavan's Cross Country Final** in **Dundonald** on **Wednesday 30th January**. Our young athletes braved a challenging 1.6km course in extremely cold conditions. The boys and girls displayed exemplary attitude, determination and courteous behaviour towards fellow athletes and helpers.

The **Boys' Team** lifted the regional prize for the **Best Boys' Team** in **Tyrone and Fermanagh**. Congratulations boys! **Cora Scullion** finished **11th** and will be invited to join the **NI Cross Country Squad** for the second year running.

Thank you to **Mr. Colton** for accompanying the boys and girls safely to Dundonald and for supporting the cross country team from the start of the academic year. We appreciate the effort made by the parents for braving icy conditions to get their children to school for 8am. A big thank you to all the parents that travelled to Dundonald to support the cross country team. It is wonderful for the children to have so many enthusiastic cheerleaders!

- A sincere Thank You to everyone who came to our **Afternoon Tea For Grandparents** on **Tuesday**. It was a great event, enjoyed by all. A special Thank

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You to **Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Hackett, Mrs. Mulryan, Mrs. McGarvey and Mrs. Shevlin** for organising and managing the event.

- **Mrs. Barrett** hopes to offer a six-week **Arts And Crafts Class** after school on a **Monday** from **3.10pm to 4.30pm** for pupils in **Years 5-7**, starting on **Monday, 11th February**. We request that each pupil attending gives **£2** towards the cost of materials. If you are interested in sending your child, please complete the slip attached and return it to school by **Wednesday** of this week.
- We are currently updating our **Achievements Display** in school. If you, your child, a family member, or a member of the community has achieved success in any field e.g. music, sports, study, etc., could you please send in details and photos (if possible) in an envelope marked For The Attention Of Mrs. McCallan. Thank you.
- An important letter will be sent home to all parents this week. Please check your child's **Notes Folder** each night.
- Please find attached your child's **Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet** for **February**.
- **February** is the month of **Forgiveness**. Pupils will be learning about the importance of forgiving themselves and others. They will be completing work based on this theme throughout the month of February.
- Our **Thinking Skill and Personal Capability** focus for **February** is **Self-Management** at home and at school. Please refer to your child's Newsletter/ Learning Support Sheet for February to see how you can help at home.
- A display of pupils' work completed during **Catholic Schools Week** will be in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** tomorrow.
- This week is **Kids' Mental Health Week** and tomorrow is **Safer Internet Day**. Teachers will be completing age-appropriate activities with pupils based on these themes during the week. Please check out the following websites for further information:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk
www.saferinternet.org.uk
- A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Monday, 4th March @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.
- **Year 7 Boys** have been invited to participate in an **Indoor Football Heat** tomorrow at **Omagh Station Centre**. Pupils are asked to bring appropriate clothing and a packed lunch. Pupils will be travelling by **bus**, rather than staff cars and will be accompanied by two members of staff. Please note that pupils will not be permitted to attend without a signed permission slip. Good luck boys.

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- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 18th February to Friday, 22nd February (inclusive)** for **Mid-Term Break**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 25th February** at the usual time.
- Following consultation with **Year 6 parents**, I will be delivering voluntary **Transition Sessions** with **Year 6 pupils** on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoon from **2.15pm to 3pm**, starting on **Tuesday, 26th February**. At this time, **Mr. Colton** will be taking Year 5, Year 6 (those pupils not attending the sessions) and Year 7 pupils. He will deliver **Irish** lessons to those pupils. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.
- An envelope from the local **Legion Of Mary Group** has been sent home today. Notes. Pupils in **Year 1/2** received their envelopes last week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Keira McCallan
(Principal)

Expression Of Interest Slip- Years 5/6/7

I/we do/do not want our child _____ to participate in
Mrs. Barrett's **Arts And Crafts Class**, starting on **Monday, 11th
February**, from **3.10pm to 4.30pm**.

Signed:

Date: