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

Monday, 3rd February, 2020.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please read the following notes carefully:

- I am delighted to inform you that **Mrs. Doreen Barrett** has been recently appointed as our **Principal's Release Teacher** on a permanent basis. Mrs. Barrett will continue to teach **Year Seven** every **Thursday** and **Friday**, to co-ordinate **ICT** throughout the school and to assist me with co-ordinating **The World Around Us** throughout the school. We congratulate Mrs. Barrett and wish her continued success and happiness in our school.
- **Congratulations** to our Governor, **Dr. Imelda Hackett** and her husband **Mr. Paul Shields**, on the recent birth of their beautiful baby boy, **Seán Óg**.
- **Well done** to our **Year Seven Boys** who participated in the **Allianz Cumann Na mBunscol Boys' Indoor Football Heat** which took place on **Wednesday** in **Omagh Station Centre**. They were a credit to their parents and school through their skill, determination, co-operative play and exemplary behaviour. Please find attached a Heat Report.
- **Miss. Sineád McKenna** will be commencing a **seven-week** block of **Teaching Practice** in **Year 5/6** with **Mrs. Mullin** starting **Monday, 10th February**. We look forward to working with her and wish her every success.
- **Congratulations** to our **Year Seven** pupils who represented our school so well in the **Credit Union Quiz** on **Friday** night in **Fintona Golf Club**. They were enthusiastic, polite and very well-behaved. **Team A (Christy Meegan, Aodhán McCabe, Dearbhla Caulfield and Anna Donnelly)** achieved **3rd place!** Each child received a monetary prize and our school received a cheque for **£50**. Well done, everyone! Check out our website for photos.

- 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 You to **Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Hackett and Mrs. McGarvey** for organising and managing the event.
- Your child's **Monthly Newsletter/Learning Support Sheet for February** will be issued next **Monday**.
- **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** next week.
- This week is **Children's Mental Health Week**. Teachers will be completing age-appropriate activities with pupils based on this important theme during the week. Please check out the following website for further information:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

- I will be delivering voluntary **Transition Sessions** with **Year 6 pupils** on a **Monday** and **Tuesday** afternoon from **2.15pm to 3pm**, starting on **Monday, 10th February**. At this time, **Mrs. Mullin** will be taking Year 5, Year 6 (those pupils not attending the sessions) and Year 7 pupils. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.
- **Parents of pupils in Year Six: Thank You** to everyone who attended our **Year 6 Transition Information Session For Parents** on **Wednesday** evening. Thank you also for completing the Evaluation Form. Your opinion is very important to us. Feedback regarding any comments on the evaluations will be communicated on an individual basis.

My **Year Six After-school Transfer Class** and Mrs. Mullin's **Year Six After-school Homework Club** will begin on **Monday, 10th February** from 3.10pm – 4.30pm. Please send a snack in with your child and inform the class teacher about who will be collecting him/her at 4.30pm, by writing a message in his/her Home School Messages Book.

Year Six Weekend Homework will commence this weekend (**7th February**).

Year Six pupils preparing for the **Transfer Test** will complete a test every Tuesday morning starting, **Tuesday, 11th February**.

‘We learn to love and love to learn.’

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:** From next week, **Tuesday** night's written **Literacy** homework will be replaced by **Confirmation** homework until **Confirmation**. Pupils will still be expected to complete **reading, spelling practice** and **workbook, MA** and **Tables/Grammar Rules** each **Tuesday**. Please note that learning homework for **Confirmation** is just as important as written homework.

A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Monday, 2nd March @ 7.30pm** in the school Assembly Hall.

- **Tuesday, 11th February** is **Safer Internet Day**. Our **ICT and E-Safety Co-ordinator**, Mrs. Barrett, has sent home an information leaflet from **Vodafone** entitled **Digital Parenting**. Please check out the following website for further information: www.saferinternet.org.uk
- Please find attached a flyer about **Glór Tíre**.
- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 17th February to Wednesday, 19th February (inclusive)** for **Mid-Term Break**. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Thursday, 20th February** at the usual time.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

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(Principal)