

March 2017

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

We are a few short weeks from our Easter holidays and have notices about our annual Cake Sale below.

Congratulations to 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Mr. Barrett on celebrating their First Confession recently. It was a very special evening.

Yours sincerely,

*Eilís Treacy*

School Principal

## Easter Entertainments!

Our Easter holidays are just over two weeks away and our annual cake sale will be held on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**.

All parents and pupils are invited to bake and make sweet treats. The selling will begin at 10am and will end when the tables are cleared!

Some of our parents are involved in the GAA Lip Sync battle this Easter. Joanne Barry and Tracey Gohery are singing Candy Man with Niamh Lucas. To help them fundraise we are going to wear our **Easter Bonnets** on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April as well.

€2 per child, €5 for a family. We had amazing hair for Mad Hair day so we should have some wonderful Easter Bonnets.



## Upcoming Events

**Thurs 6th April**

Cake Sale

**Friday 7th April**

Closing for Easter Holidays

**Sat 29th April**

First Holy Communion

**Wednesday 10th May**

Closed for teacher inservice on new Language Curriculum.

**Friday 19th May**

Opening of the Fleadh

**Friday 2nd June**

Infant Open Day

**Friday 23rd June**

School Tour

## Money collections:

Music

€20 to Easter

## Enrolment Sept 2017:

Enrolment forms for next year are available from the school office: Monday – Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am

## Fleadh

This year South East Galway Comhaltas Group are hosting the Galway County Fleadh in Portumna.

It will take place on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of May. The opening ceremony will be held in Portumna workhouse on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Our school has been invited to play at this opening ceremony. Already 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class are preparing their tunes. The younger classes are welcome to attend and enjoy this free musical event. It is a great opportunity for the pupils to be part of the county fleadh and we will have further updates closer to the event.

### Hurling Training

Mon lunch: 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Tues lunch: Infants & 1<sup>st</sup>

Tues afterschool: 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Thurs lunch: 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>

## School Credit Union

Reminder that the Credit union is open every Tuesday in the school office.

## Internet Safety

In the February newsletter we had details about Safer Internet Day and the activities we undertook. We were since awarded with the overall prize for Safer Internet Day. This competition was run between primary and secondary schools with 75,000 pupils taking part.

Our posters are still on display at the front door and ask your child about what they know about internet safety.

[www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) has very supportive and usable guidelines for parents in relation to screen-time and internet use for children. It also has fact sheets and info on all the latest apps and websites.

## Stay Safe Programme

This term, all classes are completing the Stay Safe Programme. It is taught every second year in our school.

*The CAPP programme (Stay Safe) is a primary school based approach to the prevention of child abuse. The aim of the programme is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme for children at primary school level, continuing professional development for teachers, training for Boards of Management and information sessions for parents.*

*The Stay Safe programme itself is a personal safety skills programme designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.*

*The programme aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognise and resist abuse/victimisation and teaches them that they should always tell (an adult that can help) about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive. [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie)*

The programme has been revised and we are teaching the new programme this year. Training was provided for only two members of staff but we are hoping to cluster with other schools to receive more training. You will have some of the worksheets home for homework. There is a strong focus on "stranger danger" and not keeping secrets. Children are taught to always tell if they feel uncomfortable, vulnerable or afraid.