



Scoil Náisiúnta Cill Shléibhe

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Remote Learning

Tremendous effort has been made by you all over the past 5 weeks and we thank you for this support. It is, in itself, a test of resilience for all families. The emails, Seesaw uploads, Zoom participation, Twitter videos and Google Slide projects have been to an extremely high standard. It is not the education that is familiar to all of us and yet it is affording many of you time to discover new and hidden talents and to even stretch yourself further than you ever thought you could. When the old familiar does return many of you will have a new refreshed approach to it.

Digital Detox Challenge

We are challenging each other to participate in our Digital Detox Day on Tuesday February 16th. We have all been so dependant on technology this Term. It has been both an excellent and frustrating experience. Today we would hope to all get out with our families and switch off. We would love you to share your pictures to our school Twitter page. All those interested in participating will have their names in for a draw for a Smyths Voucher.

Emergency Works Application

We are delighted to report the success of our application to the DES to avail of funding to rectify the heating issues in the school. In January we discovered we had leaking pipes in the old part of the building. This resulted in the heating system failing. These pipes are all underground and will now be decommissioned and a new system, similar to that in the newer part of the building, will be installed. This work is due to commence next week. We will be all toasty and snug when we get back together again.

School Memories

We will share some photos to our website and Twitter feed this week as we remember back to all the activities we enjoyed in February 2020. We celebrated Grandparents Day, made human heart shapes in the classroom, decorated Valentine's Day cookies, welcomed Fr. Dominic in to bless our throats and of course we had our Pancake Flipping competition. These days will for sure return again.

Sacraments and School Reopening

We have no updates to report to you in relation to a return date. We are very hopeful that we will be able to return in early March but we will have to get the official green light from the DES. Our Confirmation and Holy Communion dates remain unchanged at the moment. If we do get to return in March we are hopeful that these dates can remain unchanged. A later return date will mean we will need to reassess. As always, we will keep you all as fully informed and up to speed with information as we possibly can.

Midterm Break

We have set work for Monday and Tuesday next week and this will be emailed and uploaded as usual on Monday morning. We understand that many of you have children in Secondary school who will be work free for the full week and so it may be extra difficult to keep the children motivated. With this in mind, we will decrease the work set. There will be no spellings and mental maths set for the 2 days. Also, with Tuesday being our Digital Detox Day you will not need to upload any items this day. As always, we as parents know our own children best so please make the timetable work to suit your own family.

Kindest regards,

Mary and Kate

February 12th 2021