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Jan/ Feb Newsletter



New School Building

The planning decision for the new building is due in mid February. As many of you are aware, the school has already been granted funding to build one classroom, which is required for our increasing student population. The planning application also includes a 2nd classroom which is **bigger than the original hall** that had been in the school, for which we as yet do not have any funding for. These two classrooms have been designed with a retractable wall to create a much bigger space when required.

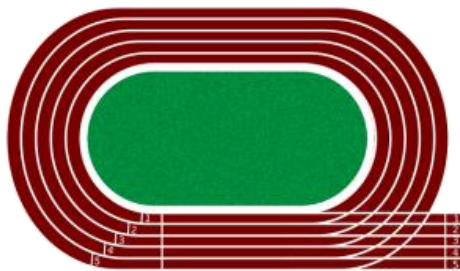
Christmas Fundraising

A massive thanks to parents, grandparents, other community members and all the businesses who supported all our Christmas fundraising drive. We really were overwhelmed with all the support. We managed to raise €2991 between all the events. This will go a long way to helping support a variety of activities for the children during the school year.

'Split the Pot' for A New Walking Track

The Parent Association are taking on the Split the Pot for February. As people are aware by now, you put €2 in an envelope and if your envelope comes out then you will win $\frac{1}{2}$ the pot of money. Previously people have won amounts up to €700.

This year we are fundraising for a **walking track** around the hurling field. There is a wealth of athletic talent in the school. A track around the hurling pitch will prove invaluable, especially in the winter months.



Split the Pot

1st Draw this Sunday

Get your Envelopes now

Funds for Walking Track in the School.



Oliver with a Twist

The 6th class students attended a matinee performance of *Oliver with a Twist* on 22nd Jan in Coláiste Mhuire, Johnstown. The show was put on by the TY students and I think everyone was left wanting *mooore* ;) !!



Bebras® Challenge

Six of our 6th class pupils have qualified for the national finals of the Bebras Challenge. This is a great honour for the children and the school as only 200 out of 7000 applicants qualify. Bebras® is an international online challenge that introduces students to computational thinking and computer science. Well done to *Cathal Garrett, Ruth Moriarty, Sarah Kavanagh, Conor Gibbons, Cormac Joyce and Tadhg Newman*. Thanks to Ms Horan for entering the children in this competition.



6th Class Drama

The 6th class pupils are busy practising with Ms Bannon and Ms Horan for the drama they will be showcasing at their graduation ceremony in June. We are all looking forward to it ☺ !

School Leagues

The classes from 3rd to 6th class are just starting on their annual school leagues in Hurling and Camogie. There are four teams in each league with 42 boys and 42 girls taking part. Inter schools action will begin close to Easter time, so preparations are underway.

Credit Union Table Quiz

Two teams will represent the school at the annual Credit Union Quiz in Thurles on Friday January 31st. The Under 11 team sees Philip Campion, Colin Byrne, Róisín Walsh and Áine O'Connor in action while the Under 13's taking part are Conor Gibbons, Ruth Moriarty, Tadhg Newman and Lauren Kirwan.

Clothes Collection

Just to give everyone advanced warning, we will be running a clothing collection the week after the Easter holidays, just for anyone planning a big clear out. What a better time to clear out the wardrobes than heading into the summer. The funds from this clothing collection will also go towards the walking track for the school. We will be reminding people about this again.



Temple Street

Thanks to everyone who donated money to Temple Street the day of the school Carol Service. The parents in total donated €470 to John Holohan for Temple Street. Overall John raised a whopping €99, 700 over the Christmas period. Well done to John for this momentous achievement, a deserving recipient of Kilkenny Person of the Year award 2019.

