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CIRCULAR TO ALL PARENTS, No. 2, 29th September 2011

Dear Parents,

School Improvement Works and Your Contributions

You will have noticed further improvements to the grounds as a result of works during the summer. These would not have been possible without your voluntary contributions to the Board of Management. There is more work planned for this year and the Department's "Minor Works" grant for schools is discontinued, due to cuts. Some parents have already paid their additional voluntary contribution for 2011-12 and many have paid the educational contribution, which was due on the first week of September. The full request letter with FAQs and tax relief form is available on the school website. A shortened version will be distributed to each family next week. I thank you for your generous support for the school and appeal to those who may not have contributed to do so, preferably before 15th December, to maximise our tax rebate.

AGM

The joint Annual General Meeting of the Board of Management and the Parents' Association will be held in the school hall on **Monday 10th October at 8.00 p.m.** You are requested to attend this important meeting, at which nominations will be taken for the two parent members of the new BOM, which will operate from 1st December. After the official business of the meeting, a guest speaker, Finian O'Shea will give a presentation on promoting reading and literacy in the home. This should be of particular interest to parents of pupils in junior classes.

Library Volunteers

Would you have time to help out in the pupil's library in the school? It is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 09.00 to 12.00 and operates with two parents volunteering per morning.

It is a wonderful way to participate in your school, and help foster the children's interest in reading. There is a volunteer list on the notice board beside Yvonne's office or call Dee Blake on 085 1576182. Further information in Library Newsletter circulated earlier this week and published on website.

French Classes

Parents of pupils in Rang 5 & 6 who would like their children to participate in after-school French classes should contact Maria Kelly at 087 8397102. If there is sufficient demand, classes will be arranged.

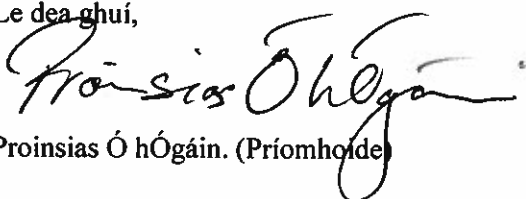
Independence (of particular relevance to parents of pupils in Junior Infants)

Our new pupils have settled very well. To help further develop their independence, parents are asked to allow their child to enter the classroom him/herself and not to linger. We expect that all pupils will have achieved this level of independence by mid-term. Teachers have asked me to remind you that the school has a policy that party invitations are not distributed in class. Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior Infants 2012

For those parents to whom this applies, round one offers for all applicants in Category 1 (pupils who deferred from last year), all in Category 2 (Parish residents who have siblings in the school) and applicants in Category 3 (parish resident OR sibling) born before 01/01 2008 were sent by post yesterday. If you don't receive one within the next few days, please contact the school on Monday.

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