St. Conaire's Bulletin October 14th, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Closure: Please note: St. Conaire's will be <u>closed</u> on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November 16th</u> to facilitate staff training in the new Oral Language Primary Curriculum. There will be no school on that day, November 16th.

MATHS WEEK 2016: Maths week has started this week and the children are putting in a great effort. We are running Maths trails and an art competition to help children engage even more with Maths.

Junior Infant Blessing to start the school year: Photographs of the Infant Blessing are on the school website www.conaries.ie The site is worth accessing for lots of news and stories about life in St. Conaire's.

Homework: Homework is an essential component of the link between home and school. We ask all parents to support their children by helping them with their homework. Homework is intended to support the work done in school and it is a great support to your child to check his or her learning and written work.

Sacramental Preparation: Congratulations to the pupils in 2nd class who have started the process of sacramental preparation with their Mass in the church. Many thanks to all the parents who help out.

No uniform day: We will be holding a no uniform day on Friday, October 28th. All pupils are encouraged to dress up in fancy dress for the occasion. Staff might even dress up!

Mid-term break: St. Conaire's will be closed from October 31st to November 4th inclusive. The school will re-open on Monday, November 7th.

Man of La Mancha: Muse Productions, will stage the Man of La Mancha in St. Patrick's Comprehensive School over the mid-term break.

Garda Visit: We are hoping to have members of An Garda Siochána visit our 5th classes soon to talk about safety in the dark evenings and in the run up to Halloween.

FAI Soccer: Our school FUTSAL team will be taking part in the FAI competition soon. Best of luck to them.

Parents' Association A.G.M The A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday, October 18th in the school at 8 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Parent/Teacher meetings will take place in late November and mid-January depending on the class times. A small number of classes will have meetings in the coming days.. Appointment times will be distributed after mid-term break.

Irish Traditional Singing: We are hoping to involve children with this aspect of Irish culture through the school in the coming months. In the meantime for anyone interested, traditional singing lessons are available from Aoife Ní Chathasaigh in groups or in 1 to 1 sessions. Contact Aoife on (086) 2526111 for more details.

Whizz Kids: Whizz Kids computer class is now running in the school on Wednesdays. Call 339178 for more details.

Yours sincerely, Peter Walsh Principal