## St. Conaire's Newsletter

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 www.conaires.ie

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parents' Association Disco for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils: A disco for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will be held this Friday night, March 6<sup>th</sup>, in the Hope Café in Smithstown. Tickets are €5 per child and are available from your child's teacher. All proceeds go towards the work of the Parents' Association in supporting the school. The disco is for children from St. Conaire's NS only. A note to parents of pupils in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be sent home this week.

**Covid-19 Update**: St. Conaire's NS is taking all necessary precautions in relation to the Covid-19 Virus. The school is following Department of Health and Department of Education protocols in relation to the virus. An information note was issued last Friday on the Aladdin Connect app. We will continue to work towards keeping the school safe for everyone and your co-operation is greatly appreciated. **See overleaf.** 

**Confirmation Preparation, March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>:** A short programme to accompany the pupils preparing for Confirmation will begin this Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and continue on March 11<sup>th</sup>. The venue is St. Senan's NS on Corrib Drive and the programme is being run by Fr. Arnie and the Parish Faith Leaders. Please ensure that your child is collected at 8 pm. Thank you.

**Trócaire Boxes 2020:** Trócaire boxes are being distributed this week. Trócaire's long-running Lenten giving campaign is a simple but effective way for us all to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Trócaire is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland and all boxes will be returned to Shannon Parish for counting and passing on to Trócaire.

**World Book Day 2020**: This Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, is World Book. We will be distributing vouchers which may be redeemed in any bookshop.

**Awesome Activities Easter Camp 2020**: This year's camp will run from April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 17<sup>th</sup> in St. Conaire's. The camp aims to cater for every child with sports, games and creativity. There will be age specific groupings for all children from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class. A non-refundable deposit of €10 can be paid to Mr. Glynn before Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to secure a place. All queries should be directed to Mr. Glynn at the following email: awesomeactivitycamp@gmail.com

**Upcoming Closures:** St. Conaire's NS will be closed on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for the St. Patrick's Weekend. School will re-open as normal on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FLIGHT RAFFLE TICKETS:** We are very lucky to have return flights for two people from Shannon Airport to Vienna. One strip of tickets costs €5 and three strips will cost €10 and all proceeds go towards supporting our Literacy and Library programme in the school. There is also a prize of a large Duty-Free hamper as well as other prizes. The draw will take place next week.

Tickets are available from your child's teacher.

**Engineers Week 2020:** Our third classes had an excellent trip to Mary Immaculate College last Friday to take part in exciting STEM work using Lego and computer technology. Our 5<sup>th</sup> classes will be going to Atlantic Air Venture this coming Friday to learn all about the science of aviation. Thanks to Mrs. Glynn and the class teachers and Special Needs Assistants involved in bringing the children to these programmes.

Yours sincerely, Peter Walsh Principal