

St. Conaire's Newsletter

February 17th, 2021

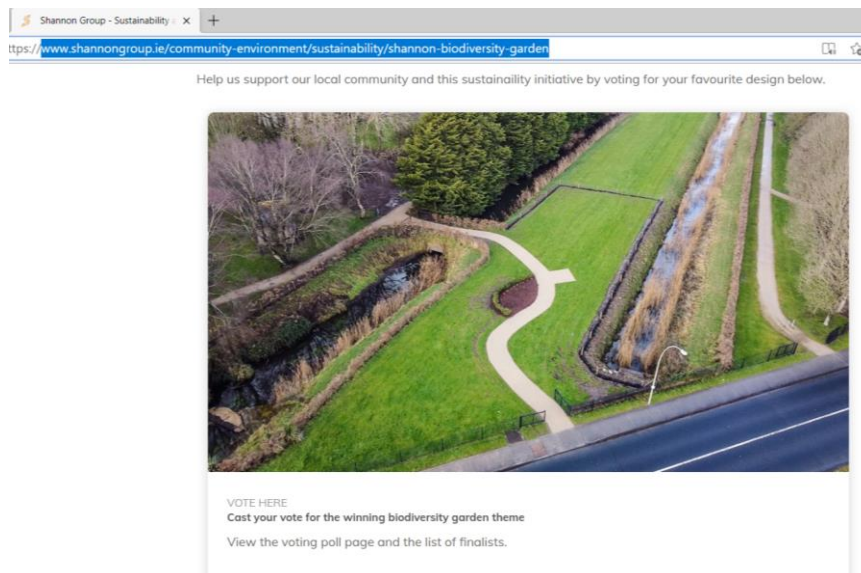
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we close for the February 2021 midterm break, we would like to take this opportunity to thank school staff, pupils and parents for your co-operation and support during this current lockdown. Online teaching and learning are challenging and we thank everyone for their engagement at this difficult time. With the current improvement in the public health situation, we are hoping for a return to normal school life in the near future. We will be monitoring Government advice in relation to the reopening of schools and we will keep you informed through Aladdin Connect and our school website. In the meantime, we hope everyone has a good mid-term break this Thursday and Friday.

February mid-term break: St. Conaire's NS will not be operating online on Thursday and Friday, February 18th and 19th, 2021. Online teaching and learning will resume on Monday, February 22nd, 2021.

Shannon Biodiversity Garden Competition: Six pupils from St. Conaire's NS have been selected as finalists in the Shannon Biodiversity Garden Competition. They have now gone forward to a public vote which is being held online through the Shannon Group Website until next Friday, February 26th, 2021. Please log on to the link below and vote for the pupils from St. Conaire's NS. [Shannon Biodiversity Garden Competition Page](https://www.shannongroup.ie/community-environment/sustainability/shannon-biodiversity-garden)



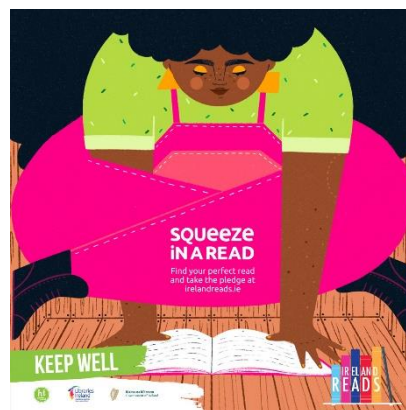
In-person Supplementary Programme for pupils with Complex Needs: The Department of Education has established an in-person programme of support for pupils with complex needs that would provide 5 hours per week of home-based support. Parents of pupils with complex needs (i.e., pupils already receiving intensive support) may apply for this provision through the school.

Cycle Sundays Message from Love Shannon Group: The Love Shannon Group is encouraging families to get on their bikes and cycle around our local area on Sundays. They are encouraging us to get some great exercise using the amenities available to us here in our town. In conjunction with this initiative, they are running a photography competition with a €100 voucher prize. More details on the poster printed below:



School Library Books: Another batch of books from the *Robert Dunbar Memorial Library* has been delivered to St. Conaire's NS. We were delighted to be a recipient school of this wonderful prize in 2020. Children at all class levels will benefit from these books.

Ireland Reads Initiative, February 25th, 2021: Ireland Reads is a new national day to celebrate reading. People of all ages are encouraged to take the time to read something for pleasure, relaxation or their own wellbeing on Thursday, February 25th. This is part of the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign. More information is available from the [Ireland Reads Website](https://irelandreads.ie). We encourage all pupils and parents to get involved in doing some extra reading on next Thursday. Happy Reading!



Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal