

St. Conaire's Newsletter

February 23rd, 2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

School Calendar: Please note that the school is closed for midterm break on February 24th and 25th, 2022. School will reopen on Monday, February 28th, 2022.

Congratulations to our 2nd classes: We warmly congratulate the girls and boys of Ms. Quinn's and Ms. Kelly's classes who made their First Confession on Tuesday, February 1st 2022. They were a credit to themselves, their parents and the school. We thank Fr. James, Fr. Arnold, Canon Brendan and our sacristan, Michelle, for their help in preparing the children. We look forward to the First Holy Communion Ceremony for both classes which will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 7th in Ss. John & Paul Church, Shannon.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme 2022: Mr. Glynn's 6th classes have been very busy with their Junior Entrepreneur projects over the last number of weeks. The class divided into a number of teams and came up with very creative business ideas. These proposals were then pitched to three dragons who selected one project for the whole class to work on. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who showed great creativity in their work on this programme.

Confirmation Webinars 2022: Parents of pupils in 6th class who will be making their Confirmation on May 14th 2022 attended two preparation webinars on Monday, February 7th. These webinars were facilitated by the Killaloe Diocese.

Sacramental Preparation Masses for 2nd and 6th classes: Pupils in 2nd and 6th classes are invited to attend Mass at Ss. John & Paul Church in preparation for the sacraments in May:

Class	Dates and Times
Ms. Quinn's 2 nd class	Saturday, March 5 th at 6:30 pm Saturday, March 26 th at 6:30 pm
Ms. Kelly's 2 nd class	Sunday, March 6 th at 10:00 am Sunday, March 27 th at 10:00 am
Ms. Bulfin's 6 th class	Saturday, March 12 th at 6:30 pm Saturday, April 9 th at 6:30 pm
Mr. Glynn's 6 th class	Sunday, March 13 th at 10 am Sunday, April 10 th at 110 am

School Photographer – new date: The school photographer, Eamonn Andrews, will be in the school on Friday, **March 4th, 2022** to take family photographs. A consent form has been sent home with your child/children. If you have not done so, please return this to the school so that arrangements can be made. All necessary Covid-protocols will be followed.

Rainbows Programmes 2022: Shannon Family Resource Centre is open to running Rainbows programmes in the Shannon area in 2022. The programmes are fact-to-face peer support groups for young people who have experienced a bereavement in the family or who are experiencing parental separation or divorced. A poster with further information will be on our school website at this link: [Rainbows Programme Information 2022](#). If you would like to discuss the programme further, please contact Cathal Dillon on 087 1232489 or call the office on 061 707600.

The Lunch Bag: St. Conaire's NS will be launching the Lunch Bag packed lunch service on Tuesday, April 26th. More information will be distributed to parents in the coming weeks. We have assessed this service and are happy to facilitate its introduction to St. Conaire's.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management, February 8th 2022

The following items were discussed and agreed at the February Board of Management meeting.

- The Board approved an additional school closure in light of the new public holiday announced by the Government. This closure will be on Monday, March 21st 2022.
- Approval was granted for the new dates for First Communion on May 7th and Confirmation on May 14th, 2022.
- Approval was granted for the Parents Association to plan for and hold the annual school walk on Friday, April 8th 2022.
- The Board congratulated Mr. Glynn's 6th class on their Junior Entrepreneur proposals. The class will be promoting this project in the coming months.
- Approval was granted for two work placements for preservice teachers and Special Needs Assistants.
- Approval was granted for the holding of the annual Easter Activities Camp for pupils of St. Conaire's NS. More details will follow.
- The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the immense work put into the establishment and running of our ASD class which was set up in September 2021.
- The Board of Management welcomed the decision of the Department of Education to approve enhance fire and safety works at the school. It is hoped to carry out this work as soon as possible.
- The Board of Management approved the school's Digital Learning Plan for 2022. It also thanked the Digital Learning Committee for its work on the plan.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Walsh

Principal