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Confirmation for Rang 6 - 2020/21

We would like to wish our past pupils from last year's Rang 6 all the very best in their final preparations before celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday, 27th November, in Holy Cross Church. The children have been waiting patiently for some time to celebrate this significant milestone with their families.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's Photo of the Week is of our Rang 6 ag cómhrá sa chlós. Mr. Kinsella's Rang 6 have been conversing as *Gaeilge* in our yard in recent weeks - maith sibh!

Please see request below for feedback on the Primary Curriculum from the NCCA (national council for curriculum and assessment)



Parents!

The primary curriculum is changing and it's so important that you **have your say** about your child's future education.

Please read the proposed changes and take 10 minutes to **tell us what you think?**

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Parents! Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals [HERE](#).

As a parent, it is important that you have a say in shaping your child's future learning. Consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

Please take 8-10 minutes to tell us what you think [HERE](#)

Want to know more? Visit our website www.ncca.ie/primary



Parents Association Raffle

Many thanks to all the parents who have generously donated prizes for the PA Christmas Raffle next month. There is still time if you would like to contribute. Please get in touch with the office or email sinead.mcelroy@gmail.com



Green Schools Committee

Our Green Schools committee is getting back up and running this year following a break due to Covid last year. This year's focus for the committee is **Travel** and looking at how we can better use modes of transport to become a more sustainable and healthy school community. Many sincere thanks to Ms. Devereux and Mr. Kinsella for organizing our Green Schools projects this year.



PT Meetings

Many thanks to all our parents for their input into our remote Parent/Teacher meetings last week. Many thanks also to our team of extremely dedicated teachers.



Teaching Practice Students

We would like to welcome Mr. Eoin Donnelly and Ms. Aisling Gargan who will be joining us for the next few weeks on Teaching Placement. Mr. Donnelly will be in Ms. Reilly's Rang 1 and Ms. Gargan will be in Mr. Kelly's Rang 2.



Friends of the Elderly Ireland

This week all of the children in Holy Cross will be making Christmas cards for "Friends of the Elderly". Friends of the Elderly works hard to provide a wide range of social programmes for older people. "Community" is a key tenet of the Holy Cross Way and it is especially important that we think of others as we approach the festive period.



Friends for Life

Our Friends for Life resilience and well-being programme will get up and running in many of our classes this week. This is a great opportunity for teachers and parents to equip the children in Holy Cross with the skills to handle challenging situations which may arise in the future. For further information on the Friends for Life programme please see last week's Nuachtlitir or <https://friendsresilience.org/>



Healthy Eating Policy

I would like to remind everyone of our Healthy Eating Policy and how important it is when preparing children's lunches. Treats like chocolate and biscuits are not permitted. Please also be mindful that nuts and sesame seeds (or items containing same) are not permitted due to children with allergies in our school. Many thanks.



Holy Cross Orchard

This week Holy Cross will receive an orchard (5 trees make up an orchard!) as part of the **MOY Raising the Landscape and DCs for Bees - Orchards in the Community** projects. Look out for pics on twitter of the trees being planted in our school grounds!