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13/03/17

Dear Parent/Guardian,

ROBERT'S COVE VINTAGE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The Robert's Cove Vintage Festival Committee hosted their Annual Car and Tractor Run on Sunday 15th January with all money raised being equally divided between three local schools – Knocknamanagh NS, Rennie's NS and Templebreedy NS. This event was very well supported and a cheque for €1,000 was recently presented to our school's Parents' Association by the Festival Committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Car and Tractor Run and we are very grateful to the Festival Committee for assisting our school in this way.

SHROVE TUESDAY/PANCAKE DAY

Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in traditional fashion at Knocknamanagh NS as each class got an opportunity to make and sample their own delicious pancakes. Photographs of pupils enjoying 'Pancake Tuesday' may be viewed on the school's website: www.minanebridgens.com.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 2nd March was designated ***World Book Day*** and to mark this event, a number of activities took place including:

- Book reviews
- Bookmark Competitions
- Reading Buddies
- Book tokens distributed to pupils

Photographs of our World Book Day celebrations are also available to view on the school's website. We would like to take this opportunity to make parents/guardians aware that **Carrigaline Library** is an excellent local amenity and is easily accessible to all. Annual membership costs just €0.50 for a child and €2.50 for an adult. Literacy is at the foundation of all learning and children should be given every opportunity to avail of the local library service.

SCÓR na bPÁISTÍ

Congratulations to the sixth class pupils who competed in the Regional Finals of Scór na bPáistí which were held in Riverstick on Saturday 4th March. There was a high standard from all the competitors and we are delighted to announce our Drama Group was awarded 2nd place and the Girl's Ballad Group came 3rd. We would like to acknowledge, with thanks, Mrs. Noonan who has been most generous with her time in organising and preparing pupils for this event. Well done to all involved!

OPEN DAY FOR 2017 ENROLMENTS

As previously advised, the school will hold an **Open Day** this **Thursday, 16th March at 1pm for 2017 Enrolments**. Parents/guardians, together with their children who are commencing school in **September 2017**, are invited to attend.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

This week the school will celebrate *Seachtain na Gaeilge* and pupils will be encouraged to make an extra effort to speak Irish. They will also be participating in a number of activities which celebrate the Irish culture and language.

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SCIATH NA SCOL

Minane Bridge Girls' and Boys' football teams will play Ballintemple NS on **Wednesday 22nd March** at **11.30am** in the **Tracton GAA Grounds**. Any support on the day would be much appreciated!

TECHKIDS: FIRST - SIXTH CLASS

Pupils from 1st Class upwards will have an opportunity to participate in Computer Classes which are being run by **Techkidz**. These classes will be held each Thursday over a course of 8 weeks, commencing on **Thursday 30th March**. The Techkidz.ie programme is tailored to meet the particular requirements of each school and it will give our pupils a fantastic opportunity to significantly build up their skills and learning. Techkidz provides all their own equipment and as well as being fully qualified teachers and Garda vetted, all their staff have extensive experience in the IT Industry. We are grateful to Lynda Jeffers for arranging these classes and to the PA who are funding them.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL OF PUPILS

The Board of Management wishes to advise parents that the official school hours are **9.20 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.** The Board asks parents/guardians for their co-operation by dropping off/collecting their children at the designated times. In the interests of safety, parents/guardians might note the following:-

- *Please inform the school of any new arrangement regarding collection of pupils*
- *If you wish to collect your child(ren) early from school, please advise class teacher in advance.*
- *If you wish to allow your child to walk home from school, please forward written permission to class teacher.*

Thank you for your continued co-operation in respect of the above.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT APPLICATIONS FOR NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS TO PRIMARY & POST-PRIMARY (SCHOOL YEAR 2017/2018)

Bus Éireann is offering an online application system for School Transport for new entrants to primary school and post-primary school for the 2017/2018 School Year. Online applications can be made on www.buseireann.ie. Alternatively application forms are available to download. Completed forms should be returned to *Cork School Transport Office, Bus Éireann, Capwell, Cork (Tel. 021 – 4557129)*.

If you have another child starting in Junior Infants, transferring from another primary school or transferring from primary to post-primary school in September 2017, you will need to make an application for this new school entrant, quoting your *Family ID No.* which is located on your existing school-going child's bus ticket, *School Roll No.* (17804L) and *Class Year Definition* (e.g. Junior Infants is Yr 1 etc). If you need to make an application, it is now necessary for parents/guardians to apply directly to *Bus Éireann* for School Transport. The closing date for applications for the 2017/18 school year is **Friday 28th April**.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please note that school will close at **12.30pm** on **Friday 7th April** for the Easter holidays and will re-open on **Monday 24th April**.

SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2017/2018

A copy of School Calendar for the **2017/2018** school year is attached. Please note that the school will re-open after the summer break on **Thursday 31st August 2017**.

Yours faithfully,

Con O'Callaghan
School Principal

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