

Principals Report 10th May 2016

Pupils

There are **420** pupils in the school, 230 boys and 190 girls.

Projected numbers and Staffing

We will be taking in 27 in each of the Junior Infants.

We need a minimum of 411 next year and we are very likely to have more than that. We are almost full for next year 3 more places to fill, more than 20 on the waiting list Round 3 to go out this week. When all schools have completed we will write out to others on list and let them know that they have been unsuccessful.

Applications for children with special needs have been mostly successful. WE have almost 3 fulltime resource teachers. 71.5 hours

3 EAL teachers – an appeal has been lodged today for two more

3 LSRT teachers

16 class teaches and

1 HSCL

Testing

EAL testing on all children for application for extra EAL resource teachers.

Biaps have been done (JI)

MIST undertaken this week (SI)

Sigma T maths test Micra T tests being done in the last week May first week of June (1st class to 6th class)

Mary Poppins

Many of our children are currently rehearsing for our upcoming performances of Mary Poppins which will take place in the first week of June. Excitement is building in the school around this great adventure for the children involved and for the rest of the school, the audience!

Other important dates of upcoming events

- **Art class for parents** – Making props for Mary Poppins – Wed 11th at 9.30am
- **Grandparents Day** (8.30 – 11.00) on Thursday 12th May
- **Relationships and Sexuality Parents (4th 5th and 6th) Information evening** Wednesday 18th May at 7:30pm
- **New Junior Infants parents night** on Tuesday 24th May at 7:30pm
- **PTA book sale** on Thursday 26th May
- **Award ceremony for 2nd Green flag 26th May**
- **Santry Athletics Monday 23rd Monday 30th May:** Athletics team interschool competition
- **Mary Poppins various performances Last week May until 2nd June**
- **Mary Poppins Gala evening performance** Thursday 2nd June 7:30 pm
- **Internet/mobile phone safety talk for parents** on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm
- **Reports to be issued to parents mid-June**
- **Sports Day on 16th June**

- **6th Class graduation, Thursday 23rd June**
- **Various class trips between now and end of year.**

Attendance: Witten out to parents re attendance in June Formal testing takes place in June which is very important for each individual child. We also have disappointed children every year who cannot attend their 6th class graduation or their end of year class trips because the family has chosen to take early holidays. Please do not do this!

Next year: Please let us know if your child will not be returning to our school next year for any reason, moving house, going abroad etc. We have waiting lists for all our classes and very anxious parents and children who want to attend our school. If you know that your child will not be back in September you must let us know immediately.

Chess team: Congratulations to our chess team who secured a great victory in an interschool completion held yesterday in Lucan East. Our team of four boys (Frank, Fade, John and Oscar) and one sole girl (Denisa) were the ultimate winners in a four school tournament against 4 teams from Lucan East Educate Together, Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada and Newbridge Educate Together. Congratulations to the team and to Tom who teaches and trains the team every Monday afternoon in the chess club and organises inter school tournaments. Well done to all involved.

Curriculum issues: School self-evaluation

The INTO has issued a moratorium on school self-evaluation. Teachers have been told not to engage with it due to the loss of middle and senior, management posts in primary schools.

Class Allocation