

SCOIL MOCHUA - AGHARDS.

NEWSLETTER.

February 2009

1. SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR TERM - REMINDER.

Mid – Term : School closes on **Friday 13th February** and reopens on **Monday 23rd February**.

Inservice Day : School closed on **Friday 27th March**.

Easter Holidays : School closes on **Friday 3rd April at 12 noon** and reopens on **Monday 20th April**.

2. STAY SAFE PROGRAMME.

The Stay Safe Programme will be introduced to **First and Fifth classes** during the next six weeks. The lessons are taught formally in these classes and are revised in Second, Third, Fourth and Sixth classes during the course of the year.

3. RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY PROGRAMME – 5th and 6th Class.

The 'Growing Up' programme is being delivered to the children in 6th class during this week. The course will be given by Mary Glynn, a qualified nurse, who has given this programme to the senior classes for the past 14 years.

Children in **5th class** will have a one and a half hour talk by Mary Glynn who will also deliver the full day programme to these children next year.

4. WRITER WORKSHOPS.

Liam Farrell, a well known children's writer will visit the school as part of our Readathon events on **Thursday February 26th** for the full day. He will do a dramatization of his works and speak on the creative writing process.

5. CAKE SALE.

The children from 6th classes have offered to organize a cake sale in the school hall on this **Friday February 13th** in aid of ARC Cancer Support Centre in Eccles St., Dublin. Children from 2nd to 5th classes only are invited to attend on a rota basis and to purchase cakes, if they wish. Sandwich bags will be provided if children wish to take cakes home etc. Looking forward to a fun day !

6. CLOTHES COLLECTION.

A sincere thanks to you all for the recent Used Clothing Collection. A staggering 71 bags of clothes were sent away through the Dóchas Nasamu Association to an Orphanage outside Nairobi in Kenya.

7. GREEN SCHOOLS UPDATE.

Our efforts to achieve Green Flag status for the school are progressing well. Application has been made to An Taisce and an assessment by an Environmental Officer of Kildare Co. Council took place in January. We await the outcome of this assessment.

We continue to explore practical means for reducing the amount of litter and waste produced by the school. Your co-operation and support in pursuing this goal are much appreciated. Please avoid using cling film and tin foil on children's lunches and as alternatives use kitchen roll or reusable plastic bags.

Many thanks to the Green School Committee, made up of pupils, parents and teachers for their huge efforts in implementing the Green Schools Programme.

4. SCHOOL PLAYS.

(i) Pupils in Ms. Stewart's 2nd Class will perform "**Hanzel & Gretel**" tomorrow night **Wednesday 11th February at 6.45 p.m.** in the School Hall.

(ii) Pupils in Ms. Morrison's 1st Class will perform "**L.O.V.E.**" on **Thursday night 12th February at 7.00p.m.** in the School Hall.

(iii) All parents are invited to attend. If you wish you may contribute €2 per family and all the proceeds will be donated to ARC Cancer Support Centre.