**Sponsored Walk**

Thank you for supporting our Annual Sponsored Walk. This year we raised a total of €5,400. These funds are vital for the smooth running and continual improvement of our school buildings and grounds.

**School Improvements**

The Board of Management is continuing to improve the safety and aesthetic of the school building to make it a bright and welcoming place. Since July we have repainted the Junior Infant and the admin. corridors, installed new noticeboards along the Junior Infant corridor and managed the installation of the new entrance doors. Painting of the main entrance lobby will be completed during December.

**Board of Management**

A new Board of Management will begin their 4-year term of office on December 1st. Thank you for partaking in the parent nominee elections. As with our previous BOM, this new group will work hard to ensure the safety of our pupils and the smooth running of the school. The members of the new BOM are:

Maura Sweeney Chairperson

Sr Anne Kennedy Patron’s Nominee

Niamh Collins Parent Nominee Mother

Eamonn Purdy Parent Nominee Father

Clare O’Brien Community Representative

Dan Moffitt Community Representative

Louise Gleeson Teacher Nominee

Jean Leonard Principal

**Christmas Coffee Morning**

Our fantastic Parents’ Council have been as busy as Santa’s elves preparing for our annual Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday, December 13th! We hope you can support this wonderful, festive event. This year the boys and girls are making Christmas crafts to sell at the Fair. There will be refreshments and a fabulous raffle on the day. Thank you to all the wonderful members of the Parents’ Council for all their hard work. Everything they do has a positive impact on the school and their hard work helps fund many of our school resources.

**Science Week 2019**

We celebrated Science Week during November. First Class held a science fair for their parents and there was a great turnout with everyone enjoying the exciting experiments!

**Sacraments**

Many of the girls in Second Class took part in their Communion Enrolment Ceremony on November 14th. It was a very special night for the girls and their families, and we are very proud of the work they put in preparing for the ceremony. Some other dates of note for the girls are:

December 3rd – Advent mass at 10am in Church

March 26th – First Confession at 7pm in Church

May 18th – First Holy Communion at 11.30am in Church

**GAA News**

We’re delighted that our local club St. James Gaels will have the Sam Maguire Cup and the Brendan Martin Cup in the school hall this Saturday evening, November 30th, from 7-8pm if you would like to come along and take a selfie!

**Morning Supervision**

The school opens at 8.50am for pupils. Children in the yard or school grounds before this time must be supervised by an adult. Under no circumstances should children be allowed onto the school grounds in the mornings unaccompanied. Please do not bring balls or ride scooters in the yard in the mornings as there are lots of very small children around. On frosty days please avoid the icy parts of the yard and keep to non-slippery parts or the shelters. There is a lot of traffic on the grounds and on these dark winter mornings it is extremely dangerous for children to run around the roadways and the carpark. At home time please ensure that your child is closely supervised and does not run out to the road, climb tress or swing on the pedestrian gates.

**Ellie’s Xmas Heart 2019**

This Christmas again we are supporting Ellie’s Xmas Heart, a toy appeal for Crumlin Children’s Hospital. If you would like to donate any new, unwrapped toys please leave them in the office with Nora. Thank you for your support.

**Dates of Note:**

* December 10th 12.30pm Junior Infant Nativity Play
* December 20th 10.45am Second Class Carol Service in the Church
* December 20th rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 finish at 11.50 (due to traffic from the senior school) – All other classes will finish at 12 for the Christmas holidays.

**Christmas Annuals**

Christmas Annuals will be on sale from Monday in the school at a cost of €4 each.