

### Jersey Day - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September



We will be having a Jersey Day/No Uniform Day on this Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September. It might help the Dublin and Mayo G.A.A. supporters to 'psych' themselves up for Saturday's All Ireland Football Final replay. A contribution of €2 is requested (per family) for the privilege of not wearing the uniform on Friday.



### New School Calendar Date

We have just received notification that the school will be closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 for teacher in-service on the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Note that this new closing does not appear on the calendar issued on Newsletter No. 1 on 7<sup>th</sup> of September

### PTA Annual General Meeting

Don't forget, the PTA AGM which is scheduled for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October @ 8p.m., in the School Hall. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and to find out about what's happening in the school. We hope to see you there.

### Car Bingo

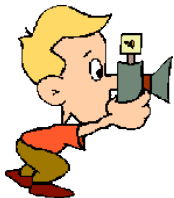
Our PTA have been very innovative in their approach to fundraising in recent years. However, this year they are surpassing themselves with the event planned for next month. The new event will be CAR BINGO which will be scheduled to take place on

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 2 – 4 p.m.

This promises to be a very novel, fun, family activity and we hope that all families will support it. More information to follow, but in the meantime, be sure to mark the date in your diary.



### Junior Infant Photos



The school photographer Mr. Kevin Carr, will be visiting us shortly, probably during the week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, to take individual photos of the new Junior Infants. Consent forms will be sent out shortly.

### Class Group Photos

Kevin Carr will also be taking group photos of all classes that week. Again, notification will be sent out in advance.

### Medical Information - Anapens

Reminder: If your child requires an anapen and has one held in the school for emergency use, the onus is on you to ensure it is in date.

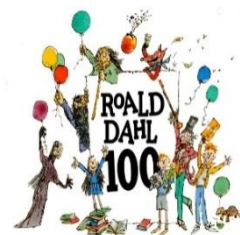
### North Kildare Junior Arch Club

A volunteer from North Kildare Junior Arch Club has contacted us to inform parents about their club. They are a friendship club for children and young people aged 5 – 15 years with special needs and they meet on Tuesday evenings in Leixlip for games, arts and crafts, music and dancing. If you are interested in joining please contact [gwenhobbs@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenhobbs@hotmail.com)

## Roald Dahl Centenary Day



On Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September we celebrated Roald Dahl day in our school. We did lots of exciting things. Classes read different books about Roald Dahl, such as *'George's Marvellous Medicine'* and the fantastic *'Twits'*. We were shocked by the horrid things that character George got up to and some of us wished we could have given the magic potion to our own Grannies. Roald Dahl was a fantastic children's writer and we loved how descriptive he was. We enjoyed his books immensely. Other classes did amazing art on Roald Dahl and it is wonderfully displayed on our walls around the school. We also looked at some puzzles to do with the fantastic author, but most importantly we managed to squeeze in a bit of time to watch the classic *'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'*.



### Cross Country Athletics

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes travelled to Kilcock to compete in the schools 1K Cross Country Races. Teams from schools in North Kildare and South Meath gathered to test their athletic abilities. We are very glad to report that all of our runners completed the course. This included some very fine individual performances. There were no team prizes awarded on the day. Instead, certificates were presented to all finishers and medals were awarded to everyone who secured a Top Ten finish. In the 4<sup>th</sup> class category, we had 4 Top Ten finishers, including an excellent first and second place. In fifth class we had five Top Ten finishers, again including first place. In a very competitive 6<sup>th</sup> class race we secured two Top Ten finishes. Congratulations and well done to all of the boys that took part and thanks to the many parents that proved transport and support on the day.

4<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Richards, Ben Synnott, Cian O'Donovan, Conor Gillen, Conor McNerney, Michael Chambers, Dylan Raleigh

5<sup>th</sup>: Conán Lennon, Cathal Flynn, Gerry McDonagh, Liam O'Connor, Euan McKenna, Matthew Diamond, Rian Martyn, Daniel Hever

6<sup>th</sup>: Ethan Walker, Stephen Odyashi, Davies Atunrase, Patrick Mahoney, Samson Dumitru, Jack Egan, Cathal Crowley, Simon McDonagh

### All Ireland U13 Cricket Final

Stephen Kerrison, a 6<sup>th</sup> class pupil in our school was on the winning U13 Cricket team (Leinster CC) who won the All Ireland Cricket final on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

It was an exciting game against Eglinton and was played in Derry.

This team won the treble this season – the League, the Cup and the All Ireland.

This was Stephen's second All Ireland winners medal as he also won with his U11 team last year. We are very proud of Stephen and his teacher Mr Downes was delighted to hear the news too !



### Other Diary Dates

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017

First Holy Communion

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Confirmation Ceremony

### After School Activities

Homework Club has now commenced. Please contact Ms. Meehan or Ms. Kelly for booking form. Details regarding After School Sports Clubs and the Art Club will be emailed out separately before the end of the week.

**Note:** Mr. Davis will not be giving Guitar lessons this year. We hope to have a new guitar instructor arranged shortly.