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Parents / Guardians: Thank you for helping us get through January and February so smoothly and with very little hassle. It has been a tough couple of months with COVID-19 still 'out there', windows open for ventilation, classes unable to mix and everybody fed up of the situation.

At the moment none of our protocols or rules have changed so **please continue to wear a face covering on school grounds and social distance.**

Fun in the park and around our school grounds: All the children had a fab time with Dale and/or Ciara getting 'back to nature' and exploring their habitat. They really loved it. Both of these facilitators work with Heritage Ireland. We have gorgeous photos in Gallery. Plus loads of photos from school activities are uploaded each week.

After Schools Clubs: Art and PE were a great hit. We're now running two clubs on a Tuesday and Wednesday with School Completion Programme. The children spend a little time doing homework and then they have fun activities afterwards.

Yoga: Aoife is back for 6 weeks and all children can enjoy the yoga experience.

Music Generation: 1st and 2nd classes are being brought on a magical musical adventure with this fabulous 14 week programme each Tuesday. It's expensive but free this year as it's on trial in the school. Please ask your child about it.

Story-telling Ireland delivered their 3 module programme on Traveller culture, history and traditions. The 2nd class children learned so much. We hope they come back soon.

MID-TERM WEEK OFF: We're closed Mon. 21st -Fri. 25th. Back to business 28th Feb.

Child Protection Inspection: We had the first of a two part inspection last Tuesday and Wednesday. The inspectors thoroughly went through our policies and paperwork, interviewed half of the staff, spoke with a 2nd class focus group, met our Chairperson and also spoke at length with Ms. Finn and myself. They will be back again in 4-8 weeks to do it all over again, as they check that any recommendations or suggestions have been carried out. But we're really happy with this first report so fingers crossed for the next.

Remember that all teachers are mandated to report any concerns they have about a child. They can seek advice from TUSLA if unsure or make a report if they feel the child is in significant danger of: physical, emotional, sexual abuse or neglect.

In all schools the SPHE programme (Social Personal & Health Education Programme) must be taught. It includes Stay Safe, Walk Tall and RSE. If you've any questions ask your child's teacher or our HSCL teacher Ms. Chaney.

Enrolling for Jr. Infants September 2022 closes soon. Forms in our office.

I hope you all have a lovely week together and we'll see you for March madness.

Sincerely, A. Plunkett