

Spring Events & Updates in OLV Infants

February/March 2022




- **Parent-Teacher Meetings.**

Parent teacher meetings will be held next week. Your class teacher will contact you with a time via Seesaw with regard to time slot. If you have an issue/need a new code on SeeSaw, please contact Claire, Home School Liaison Teacher on 087 4152165. **Phone calls will be made in the week of Monday 7th February 2022 before and after school. Please expect a telephone call from a private number.** Please try to stay within your time slot. If a teacher is unwell, s/he will reschedule as necessary. We look forward to communicating with you. Hopefully next year, the experience will be face to face.
- **Active Flag/Yard Activities**

Thank you Ms. Brooks for organising activities to keep us on our toes! We are investing in further games/resources to enhance the children's fitness, fun and wellbeing; thank you to our pupil *Wellbeing Committee* for their suggestions in this area. More will follow with an Active Flag link on the website. We thank Gerry Seaver for his years of dedicated coaching here in OLV and wish him well in his move to Round Towers in Lusk. We welcome Amy who will take over the coaching, guided by Gerry.
- **Teacher Continued Professional Development**

School will close early on **Friday 18th February 2022** to facilitate Primary Language Curriculum teacher training. The senior schools will also close early-staggered times. **Our school will close at 11.40 sharp on 18/2/2022.** Please inform child-minders etc. in advance.
- **Emergency Works - Windows & Boiler**

We are delighted that the replacement of all of our windows and exit doors in the original building has been sanctioned by the Department of Education. This work will be done over the midterm break. The school will be much warmer following the work. We were also sanctioned funding for a new boiler and works will be done asap.
- **Lá Glas/Green Day** 

In the weeks running up to St.Patrick's Day, we will have a reviewed focus on Gaeilge, the spoken Irish Language in school. We will finish our celebrations with a Lá Glas/Green Day on **Wednesday 16th March**. All pupils in OLV Infants can wear anything green to celebrate our shared Irish Culture and Heritage. We will have in-house fun related to our Lá Glas.

- *Cock- a Doodle- Doo !*

Yes, we hope to have some feathered friends in March. We will have an egg hatching project in March- eggs, incubator etc. Hopefully chickens will hatch after three weeks. The children will enjoy observing and caring for the eggs/chicks. We may even have a competition to name the chicks!

Reminders

- *Pupil Attendance*

Please note that it remains the case that in line with the Education Welfare Act 2000, all schools continue to be required to submit Student Absence Reports to Tusla. Of course, many families have had to keep children at home for extended periods for Covid-19 and naturally we respect this. Please inform the school of absences on attendance@olvinfants.com Thank you to Romy and Claire for encouraging full attendance and punctuality.

- *Punctuality/Essential Appointments*

Punctuality is, in the vast majority of cases, excellent. Let's keep this up. **Please do not collect your child early from school- it is too disruptive.** Please arrange appointments where possible out of school hours and inform school in advance if there is an unavoidable essential appointment (e.g. speech therapy) during these hours by emailing attendance@olvinfants.com.

- *Covid-19*

As advised by HSE, we continue to observe risk reduction measures and thank you all for your full cooperation. Schools are required to maintain protocols in February.

- *Applications for the School Year 2022-2023 Junior Infant Enrolments*

Thank you to Gwen for processing the applications. There is a waiting list for places which can be accessed on the school website. www.olvinfants.com.

Best wishes

Mary McDonnell

Dates for your Diary

- ★ Friday 18th February - Close at 11.40 (Staff CPD). *OLV Senior Schools also close early.*
- ★ Midterm - Monday 21st to Sunday 27th February. Reopen Monday 28th February at 9.00 am
- ★ Lá Glas (Green Day celebrating Irish Culture/Heritage) Wednesday 16th March.
- ★ Closed Thursday & Friday 17th & 18th March - St Patrick's Day and Public Holiday