



School Accommodation

Permanent Building:

The DES are still on schedule to commence work on our permanent building in July 2020.

Temporary Accommodation:

Please read the email sent by the school on Friday 7th February regarding temporary accommodation. We are now awaiting the DES to lodge a planning application for temporary accommodation with Dublin City Council. This is due to be done by the end of February. Plans are available to be viewed at the school, as per Friday's email.

Primary Language Curriculum – HALF DAYS

As instructed by the Department of Education, the school will close for 2 half days to facilitate staff training for the Primary Language Curriculum. Please note the following dates and times:

Dates:

Friday 13th March 2020

Friday 1st May 2020

Times:

Junior & Senior Infants: 11:30am

Other Classes: 11:45am

Peace Proms Choir

We are incredibly proud of our 3rd classes who performed in the Peace Proms Choir Concert, along with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland in the RDS on 1st February. They performed with 2,500 children from other schools around the country. They did themselves and our school proud as they sang beautifully. Well done to all involved!



Staffing

Tommy Buckley will finish with us this Friday, 14th February. We have been lucky enough to have Tommy working with us for the last 2 years. He will now pursue travel and other interests. We wish him all the best, and will hopefully see him again soon. James Rudden will take over from Tommy. He will join our EAL support team on 27th February and we are looking forward to welcoming him to PETNS.

Luiza will begin her maternity leave on 2nd March and we wish her all the best. Recruitment for her substitute SNA will take place in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Aoife Traynor who has recently been appointed to join the In-School Management team in the school, in the position of Assistant Principal II.

International Mother Tongue Day

International Mother Tongue Day takes place on 21st February, which is during the mid-term break. We will be celebrating it this week 10th - 14th Feb. Our assembly theme is Respecting and Using Languages.

As you know, all homework this week will be oral-language and reading based, and we are encouraging pupils to use their Mother Tongue when doing so. We will also be looking for your feedback on this, to form part of the ongoing review of our Homework policy.

Research shows that children who develop skills in their Mother Tongue are better able to transfer these skills to a new language so please encourage your child to use, and take pride in, their Mother Tongue.

School Self-Evaluation Well-being: Mission Statement

As you know, we are currently devising a school Mission Statement, as part of our School Self-Evaluation and School Improvement Plan process. We are inviting your input on prioritising values for our school.

Please see email for details of using www.menti.com to submit your feedback/input on this.



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