**Newsletter**

**4th December 2015**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**Board of Management**

The first meeting of our new Board of Management (2015-2019) took place yesterday. We were delighted to welcome Kennedy Kere as our second parent representative alongside Ludmila Paskova. Gregor Kerr will be our staff rep with Éadaoin, the Principal. The remaining members of the Board represent the local community and parish. They are Michael Blanchfield, Marian O’Connor, Catherine McHugh and our Chairperson is Fr. David Donnellan.

At our meeting we discussed the increase in enrolment and our new Senior Infant/1st Class. We looked at the current finances for the school and how we can source other funding to help us with our new library space.

We also talked about the big building project due to start next door. The school will have its own consultant who will work with us and the contractors to ensure there is minimal disruption during the school day and to our grounds. We are pleased that the empty site will have a new purpose, and while we may have to put up with some inconveniences while the building takes place, we hope it will bring a good boost to our local area.

**News this week**

On Tuesday, 3rd Class had a wonderful morning at ‘Fighting Words’ the writing workshop. Thank you to the 5th and 6th Class parents/carers who attended our meeting on Wednesday morning.

6th Class were highly praised for their interest and excellent behaviour on their visit to Lir Academy on Thursday. The children were able to see how theatre performances are put together and learn about set design and acting and even met the Technical Director. We have a few budding tecchies in our midst!

**Family Mass**

The children in 2nd, 5th and 6th have been making special preparations for the Family Mass in our parish church of St. Joseph’s on Berkeley Road this coming Sunday at 10.30 a.m. The children are very involved in the liturgy and music and are looking forward to it! All three classes have visited the church this week and we hope to see as many families as possible there on Sunday. It’s not just for the childrne making Communion and Confirmation – all are welcome!

**Attendance and Punctuality**

Our attendance cup is back with 5th Class this week with a fabulous 97.4%. Well done!

**Dates for your diary**

**Sunday, 6th December** – Parish Family Mass at 10.30 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, Berkeley Rd

**Sunday, 13th December** – Parish Carol Service at 3.30 p.m. at St. Joseph’s, Berkeley Road.

22nd December – School finishes at 12.00 noon for Christmas Holidays.

Wrap up warm – it’s going to be a cold weekend!

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal