**Newsletter**

**19th January 2018**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**News this week**

On Monday at assembly, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors shared their kindness tips for January. They are looking for children who demonstrate the ‘3H’s

1. Say Hi!
2. Give a Hi-Five!
3. Offer a Hug! (but ask first!)

The children have been practising all week and Slavi in 6th Class was chosen as our most kind student this week and took our kindness bear home for the weekend!

On Wednesday, some children from 2nd and 3rd Class visited Mount Carmel Secondary School to have some ‘Maths for Fun’ workshops with 2nd Year students. The children really enjoyed it. Our thanks to Síle, our Home-School teacher and Liz, the Mount Carmel Home-School teacher, for organising.

Also on Wednesday, our first session of ‘Incredible Years’ for parents and carers started. We were delighted to welcome a new group and some parents from Georges’ Hill too.

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| **Applications for Junior Infants 2018**  We are now accepting applications for new Junior Infant children for September 2018. Applications must be received by Friday, 9th February 2018 and we will be in contact with families as soon as we can after that to confirm places. Like last year, we only have space to open one class of 22 children. All children applying must be 4 years old by 30 April 2018. |

**Visit from News2Day**

This morning, the film crew from RTE2’s ‘News2Day’ programme arrived to meet our ‘Young Interpreters’ group. The children in our older classes who speak a second language help children in younger classes who share the same language. The children read together in their home language, share stories and lots more!

**You can watch the ‘News2Day’ programme on channel RTE2 today at 4.20 p.m.**

Well done to all the children involved. A special thanks to Ms. Graham who arranged the visit and to Ms. Nolan who looks after our Young Interpreters so well.

**Dates for your diary**

26 January – 5th Class to the Ark

3 February – School Choir sing at Peace Proms concert in RDS at 2.00 p.m.

15-16 February – Mid-Term Break (two days)

22nd February – Green Schools Expo

16th March – Confirmation Ceremony

19th March – Bank Holiday

23rd March – Last day before Easter Holidays

**Attendance and punctuality**

Not our finest week of attendance. We hope everyone will be feeling better next week! Ms. Collins’s 2nd Class won our attendance cup at assembly this week.

Keep wrapping up warmly! Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal