

Science Fair

5th and 6th class students would like to invite all parents and guardians to the

RETNS Science Fair

On

Friday, November 24th

9.20 am - 10 am

Come along and find out the answer to questions such as:

Why does it fizz?

How does bread react to different temperatures?

How does salt affect the density of water?

How is slime made?

Are boys or girls better at lying?

Find out about the Stroop effect and how it works, learn whether you work better on a full or empty stomach, and much, much more.

Feel free to ask questions and take part in experiments to make the Science Fair a fun and informative experience for all.

Winterfest

Seats for Winterfest are filling up fast. We have released 30 more seats for each day and are now at the maximum allowable under health and safety rules. Please print off your ticket and bring it along on the correct day as, in fairness to those who have booked, we cannot allow entry without a ticket for the correct day. Please also write your name on your ticket and we will enter all the tickets into a prize draw.

Raffle

This year's raffle will take place during the Craft Fair. Lots of fabulous prizes to be won. Tickets will be sent out on Monday, to be back in school by Friday December 1st. Tickets cost €2 each or 6 for €10.

Primary Arts Programme

Second class are taking part in the DLR organised Primary Arts Programme. In this programme an established artist comes in weekly to work with the children in a specific medium and topic. Tunda will be working with the children on exploring light and shadow and, with Patricia, will help create a class project based on the theme.

Thanksgiving

Our **Learn Together** board is this week celebrating Thanksgiving with lovely messages from Senior Infants about some of the things they are grateful for. As well as marking Thanksgiving, children also marked Universal Children's Day on Monday with some in-class work on what the day means for children around the world.

Data protection

Schools are preparing for changes to data protection law coming into effect in May 2018. As stated in the Board of Management report last week, the BoM has approved the new data protection policy and an information session for staff will follow. We are also reviewing our in-school procedures. As it is not good practice to have information relating to children on teachers' individual emails, please do not use teachers' email addresses for pupil related information. If you want to make contact with teachers or pass on a message, please use info@retns and the information will be passed to the relevant teacher.

Mary