

SETNS Newsletter 14th January 2022



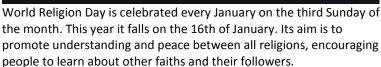
Happy New Year and welcome back to all our pupils, staff, parents/guardians. We are very happy to be back and are looking forward to settling the children into the school routine again. As communicated to you prior to returning; in order to ensure our safe return, we ask you to do the following;

- Re-read our Covid-19 Response Plan http://www.swordseducatetogether.ie/wpcontent/uploads/2021/08/Covid-Response-Plan-2021-2022.pdf
- Be familiar with the new isolation guides for children and adults which were updated from today. These are summarised below.
- Children from 3rd- 6th Classes wear masks/face coverings. These face coverings are changed/washed regularly in order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 between home and school.
- Keep up to date with Public Health and HSE advice on isolating.
- Finally, and most importantly, if your child is unwell in any way, PLEASE do not send them to school.

Due to the current high number of cases, we are finding staffing within the school quite challenging. To date we have been lucky sourcing enough substitution cover to manage. We have also had to utilise our SEN Teachers on some occasions. Going forward, if we cannot source suitable substitute cover, we may have no alternative but to ask children from specific classes to remain at home. As communicated, this will be a last resort. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding at this time.



World Religion Day



Our Learn Together Programme includes a strand on Belief Systems, where we equally explore the many religions in our World. Thanks to Áine for the lovely display in our school foyer.

RSE Programme

As communicated to you last week we have started our RSE (Relationship & Sexuality Education) Programme this week. This is a school-wide approach and part of the SPHE Curriculum.

Theme 1 "Myself" will be completed next week. It is a good time of year to make yourself familiar with our RSE Policy:

http://www.swordseducatetogether.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/RSE-Policy-2020.pdf.

Class teachers will send home the home-school link information either before or after the lessons, depending on content.

Primary Language Curriculum

As communicated to you in our previous Newsletters, the school will be engaging in Professional Development days relating to the Primary Language Curriculum, as directed by the Department of Education. This will involve a number of ½ Day closures, the second of which will be on 21st January 2022.

In order to facilitate a safe exit for the students on the day, a staggered departure timetable will be in operation.

Time	Classes
11.15a.m	Junior Infants
	Senior Infants
11.25a.m	1 st Class
	3 rd Class
11.45a.m	2 nd Class
	5 th Class
11.50a.m	4 th Class
12p.m	6 th Class

Fundraising Lotto

Huge thank you to all our School Fundraising Lotto participants. There has been a huge uptake since our launch before Christmas. If you haven't managed to join the recent lotto craze, there is always time....

Congratulations to our winners over the holiday period;

Beatriz(Mum to Martina in Isolde's Class)

Debbie (Mum to Jamie and Sam)

Rachel (Mum to Clodagh and Senan)

Deirdre (Mum to Orla in Niamh's Class)

Lost Kev

This key was found outside the school last week.

Please contact the office for collection.



