

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- Catholic Schools Week was held last week 21st-27th January. It was great to have so many Grandparents visit the school last Wednesday, 24th January for Grandparents Day.
- Mental Health Week will be held next week, 6th-9th February. The Amber Flag Committee/Student Council have organised some activities to help us all to 'Be Kind to Our Minds'. We have received a 'Cinealtas' flag from the Department of Education and we are incorporating our 'Antibullying' Week into next week's activities.
- There is no school next Monday, 5th February (Bank Holiday, St. Brigid).
- There is no school on Friday, 9th February and on Friday 8th March due to teacher in-service.
- Pupils are busy getting ready for the annual Texaco Art competition. The deadline for all entries is 28th February.
- The second block of swimming is taking place every Wednesday afternoon.
- Pupils continue to participate in sporting trips. The last group of students travelled to Limerick last Thursday to participate in the National Football Tournament.
- Pupils are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be held in Parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, Chapelizod on Thursday, 14th March. The Service of Light was held for these pupils last Friday, 26th January with Fr. Cornelius as celebrant.
- Preparations are also underway for pupils who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, scheduled for Saturday, 11th May at 11.00 a.m. in the Parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, Chapelizod. Pupils will receive the Sacrament of First Forgiveness here in the school on Thursday 11th March at 11.00 a.m. Fr. Cornelius is celebrant.
- A librarian will visit the school on 19th and 20th February.
- Our schools Creative Associate, Mr Brian Cregan will work again with the Creative Team again on 6th February as we continue to participate in the Creative Schools Initiative.
- Internet Safety Day will take place on 6th February.

Gratitude and acknowledgements to all staff for their involvement in all of the above.