



**MONASTERORIS
NATIONAL SCHOOL**

Edition 5

**January
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a fantastic month in school. The pupils have been working tremendously hard in all aspects of their school life, and continue to do so with a smile on their face.

The New Year has brought a feeling of hope and anticipation back into school life as we look forward with great excitement to the coming months, and to what we all hope will be a return to safer and happier times for all as the Covid-19 pandemic improves.

Despite restrictions lifting nationally, we must not become complacent with regards to following the required guidelines. We kindly remind all parents of the importance of not sending their child to school if they are unwell. We must continue to take all necessary precautions to keep our pupils and staff safe.

There are many exciting upcoming events this term and we are hopeful that our pupils can reengage with many activities they enjoyed pre Covid-19.

Thank you all for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

Warmest wishes,

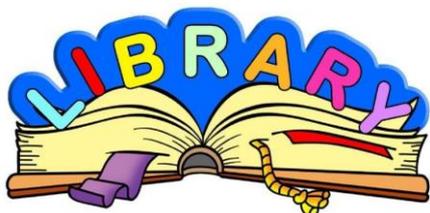
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Mrs Melbourne and the student's council have already been very busy this term. At the first meeting they chose two areas they would like to focus on, one of which we have already completed, "Wellbeing Wednesday". In recognising how hard our pupils work every day the student's council decided that it would be appropriate and beneficial to all our pupils if we dedicated a day this month to pupil wellbeing. The day was a huge success and all pupils experienced an array of fabulous activities, such as gratitude bubbles, outdoor active stations and parachute activities, read stories about being brave and kind, identified their own unique talents and what makes them superheroes, picnics, positive affirmations, a movie with popcorn, and much more! Thank you to our student's council and to all school staff for organising this wonderful day.

The second area the student's council would like to enhance is our school libraries and they need your help to do so! In order to upgrade our classroom libraries, the student's council are asking you to donate any unwanted or unused books to our school. Between now and the February midterm they would like you to send any unwanted books that you may have at home, that are appropriate and in good condition, into school with your child. The student council will then quarantine these books, sort them into appropriate class grouping categories and will organise each classroom library to ensure it contains modern, relevant, interesting and a variety of genres of books.

This is a really fantastic initiative and I know our student council would greatly appreciate your support of their efforts.





Our school will be closed for a half day on Wednesday 16th March to facilitate staff training. This is a Department of Education mandated school closure.



As you are aware the government has sanctioned an extra public holiday for the 18th of March. As this date is already a scheduled closure for us, we are rescheduling our planned closure for Tuesday 7th June.



Everyone is very excited for our soccer coaching to commence on the 15th of February. There is no requirement to have specific footwear for these sessions. Normal runners and comfortable clothes will be perfect! ☺

If Covid-19 restrictions permit, our pupils will recommence swimming lessons in Edenderry swimming pool in March. Pupils from 2nd - 6th will attend these lessons. We will share further information with you closer to the time.

Parents Association

Thank you to our Parents Association for organising a hugely successful Christmas raffle. The total raised from the raffle and Santa Dash which the pupils completed is 1825euro. Thank you to every one for their generous support.