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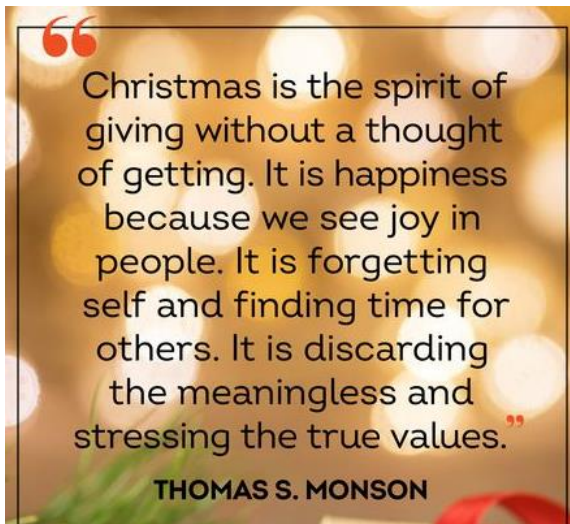
Newsletter – December 2021

Urlingford N.S.
Parent Association



Dear Parents,

Quote for the month



MERRY CHRISTMAS !!



We would like to wish all the families and teachers of Urlingford National School warm and wonderful holidays.
May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year!
Merry Christmas!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021/2022

Wed, 22 Dec 2021	- School Closes 12pm
Thur, 6 Jan 2022	- School re-opens
Fri, 18 Feb 2022	- Mid-term closing 14:40
Mon, 28 Feb 2022	- School re-opens
Tue, 15 Mar 2022	- First Confession
Thur, 17 Mar 2022	- St Patrick's Day holiday
Fri, 8 Apr 2022	- Easter holiday, closing 12pm
Mon, 25 Apr 2022	- School re-opens
Mon, 2 May 2022	- May Bank Holiday
Sat, 14 May 2022	- First Communion
Mon, 7 June 2022	- School closed
Thur, 30 June 2022	- Summer holidays start, closing at 12pm

** Please check the school calendar on the school's website for any changes.*

SCHOOL TIMES

Junior & Senior Infants:	09:00 – 13:40 every day
Classes 1-6:	07:40 – 14:40 every day

OFFICE HOURS:

Open from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm** every day

SCHOOL / BANK HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

25 th December 2021	- Christmas Day
26 th December 2021	- St. Stephen's Day
3 rd January 2022	- New Year in lieu
17 th March 2022	- St. Patrick's Day
18 th April 2022	- Easter Monday
2 nd May 2022	- May Day
6 th June 2022	- Bank Holiday



NEWSLETTER

Please note should you wish to receive a hardcopy of the newsletter, please forward a note to Ms Hennessy. Hard copies will only be made for parents who have requested them.

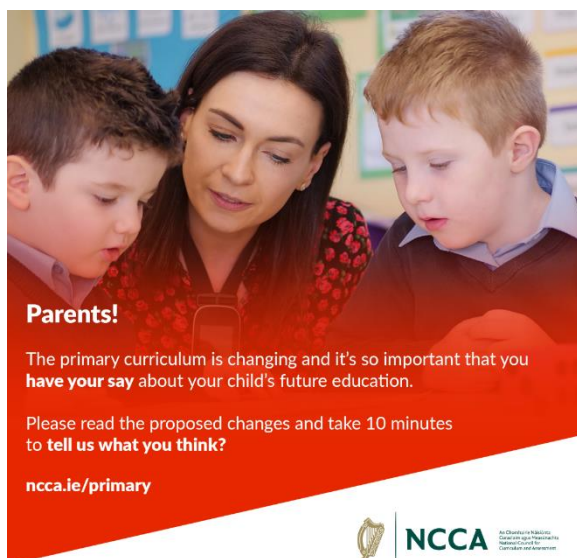
PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR - ALADDIN

This software programme app will ensure reliable and up to date communication with you, the parent/guardian. This is a very simple and easy to use programme and can be installed on your home and/or work computer/s. This will allow the school or the parent association to keep you up to date on what is happening at school. This will include news on sporting fixtures, homework, communication directly with teachers, absences and reports.

You can download the app from the Google Play Store or Apple Store. You will need to register for the Aladdin Connect before you receive messages on the Aladdin app. You will receive a text message or an email from the school containing a registration code.

Should you have any queries, please contact Mr. Dunphy on 056 88 31512.

ACADEMIC



Parents! - Reminder

Do you know that the Primary Curriculum is changing?

What children learn and how children learn in primary school is changing. The proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning.

You can find the proposals at

<https://ncca.ie/media/4456/ncca-primary-curriculum-framework-2020.pdf>

As a parent, it is important that you have a say in shaping your child's future learning. Consultation will close by the end of February 2022.

Please take 8-10 minutes to tell us what you think at the following

<https://surveyhero.com/c/mrefuzfc>

Want to know more? Visit our website

www.ncca.ie/primary

CLASS ART

BUILDING PROGRESS



PARENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING

The Parents' Association would like to send out a massive **THANK YOU** to all our sponsors for our Christmas Raffle this year. The support has been overwhelming and our raffle was a great success! Go raibh maith agat!

Some of our winners!



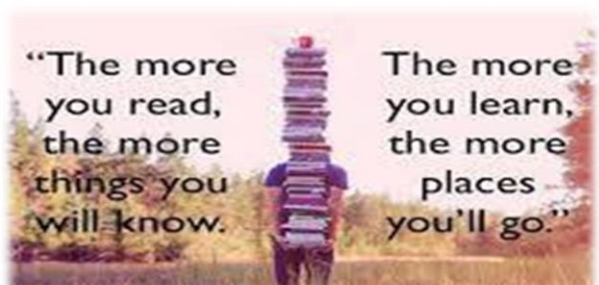
SPLIT THE POT

The Parent Association are taking on 'Split the Pot' in January in aid of new notice boards and various items for the school hall. As people are aware, you put €2 in an envelope and if your envelope comes out in the draw then you will win half the pot of money. Amounts of up to €700 have previously been won!



PARENTS' CORNER

THE BENEFITS OF READING



1. Children who read often and widely get better at it

This is pretty much just common sense. After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything we humans do and reading is no different from anything else.

2. Reading exercises our brains

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than, say, watching TV. Reading strengthens brain connections and actually builds new connections.

3. Reading improves concentration

Again, this is a bit of a no-brainer. Children have to remain still and sit quietly so they can focus on the story when they're reading. If they read regularly, they develop the ability to do this for longer periods.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them

Through reading, children learn about people, places and events outside their own experience. They are exposed to ways of life, ideas and beliefs about the world which may be different from those which surround them.

This learning is important as it builds a store of background knowledge which helps younger children learn to read confidently as well.

5. Reading improves a child's vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills

This is because children learn new words as they read but also because they unconsciously absorb information as they read about things like how to structure sentences and how to use words and language effectively.

6. Reading develops a child's imagination

This is because when we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. When we're engaged in a story, we're also imagining how the characters are feeling. We use our own experiences to imagine how we would feel in the same situation.

7. Reading helps children develop empathy

Children identify with the characters in a story, so they are feeling what that character is feeling.

8. Children who read to better at school

They don't just do better at subjects like

reading, English and History, they do better in ALL subjects and they do better all the way through school.

9. Reading is a great form of entertainment

A paperback book or an e-reader like the Kindle doesn't take up much space so you can take it anywhere and you'll never be lonely or bored if you have a book in your bag.

You can read while waiting in a queue, while waiting for a friend or while waiting for a flight at the airport.

10. Reading relaxes the body and calms the mind

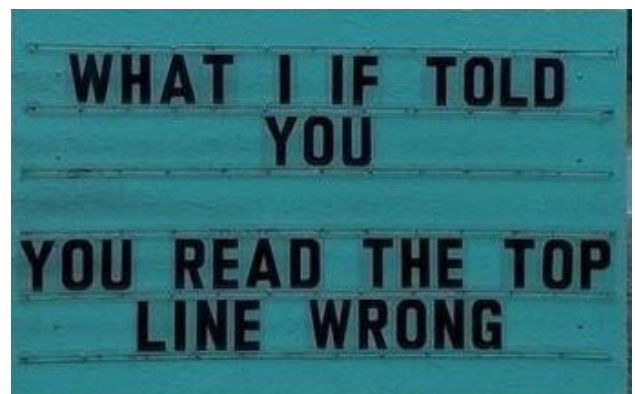
This is an important point because these days we seem to have forgotten how to relax and especially how to be silent.

The constant movement, flashing lights and noise which bombard our senses when we're watching TV, looking at a computer or playing an electronic game are actually quite stressful for our brains.

When we read, we read in silence and the black print on a white page is far less stressful for our eyes and brains.

**Article from www.best-books-for-kids.com/benefits-of-reading.html*

And FINALLY....



It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new
software into their brains.