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# Scoil Lios na Groí

## Lisnagry National School

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Dear Parents,

Everyone is well settled back to school in Term 2. As we begin another school term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy new year. There are a number of issues which I would like to bring to your attention.

This week is Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Communities of Service. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 12.30pm we would like to invite the grandparents of pupils in junior and senior infants to join us for a cup of tea to celebrate and give thanks for the gift of grandparents.

The three schools in our Parish have come together to organise a Parents Internet Safety Talk hosted by Zeeko on Thursday night 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Castle Oaks Hotel. We would urge you all to attend. Zeeko have surveyed over 91,000 young people on their digital habits to create evidence-based content. The objective of the talk is to become aware of the online rules and get some actionable insights on how to help our children safely benefit from the Internet and technology.

In accordance with the revised policy the RSE programme will be taught this term. RSE is an integral part of SPHE and must be taught in all classes. Please see attached letter with further details. Our RSE policy is available to view on our website.

Rehearsals are well underway now for our school musical coming up in a few weeks' time. The children are really enjoying it. It promises to be an unforgettable experience. The children will perform with their classmates in a real theatre with live musicians which will be very special. It will be fantastic for their confidence and there will be a great sense of achievement. It is very costly for the school to put on a production like this with theatre hire, sound, musicians, costumes and musical direction costs. To help recoup some of the costs we are looking for your support. In particular, to those who are self employed or working in business we would greatly appreciate any sponsorship. We are offering advertising opportunities in our souvenir programme at half page advertising for €60 and full page for €100. In addition we are in search of a main sponsor or two for a prominent double page spread in the programme. Ads will need to be emailed to our dedicated email address [schoolmusical24@lisnagryns.ie](mailto:schoolmusical24@lisnagryns.ie).

As you are aware a whole school review of our homework policy was undertaken last year. Feedback was sought from all stakeholders in an effort to make homework more meaningful and manageable for busy households. One of the main changes was the weekly schedule of homework given rather than daily homework. However, we are noting a significant drop in standard in homework completed. In many classes homework appears rushed and poorly presented. We would urge you to supervise your children's homework and encourage their best effort and presentation.

If you have a child starting school in September 2024, please notify the school as soon as possible. The closing date for enrolment is 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Please note the following school closures this term:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – St. Brigid's bank holiday  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Mid term break  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick's Weekend

Thank you for your co-operation in all of the above.

Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL FEENEY  
Principal

