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*Mission Statement*

*As a Catholic school, our mission is  
to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child  
and encourage everyone to respect themselves and one another.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment  
for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents,

We have recently begun the Literacy Lift Off programme in the school. A team of teachers works intensively with a class over a period of about 6-8 weeks. The programme has been proven to bring about noticeable improvements in literacy standards for all the children involved, even in a school like ours where pupils are already making very good progress. We plan to work with various classes over the coming years. It also means that teachers can work together more closely, as opposed to the traditional arrangement of a pupil learning from one teacher only. The considerable startup cost was met by the Board of Management in conjunction with the Parents Association.

Parking issues: if you are dropping off your child please make sure that they enter by the main gate and NOT the car park gate; cars enter and leave there. Please make sure not to park in the way of the staff car park – it is hazardous entering and leaving with cars in the way. Thank you.

Please note that any RSE permission slips need to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rugby lessons with Wes are ongoing for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. There is no charge for these. Drama classes with Keelin are ongoing and are funded by your contributions to the Parents Association. Thank you for helping or contributing to bag-packing last weekend in Bagenalstown. When the final figure is in, we will let you know the amount raised. We are working very well with The Parents Association and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved for their support and cooperation.

On a 'giving' theme, there is a food appeal box at the front door of the school and lots of children have been donating (non perishable) items for the St. Claire's Graiguecullen food kitchen. All donations welcome.

Congratulations to Konrad Slewa, Pia O'Grady, Aoibheann Kelly, Emma Curran and Hazel Doran; prize winners in a recent poster competition run by Leighlinbridge Credit Union. Emma also received a prize for winning at regional level and Jeremy Hla won in the Christmas Card competition in Bagenalstown Library.

We were delighted to host our Grandparents last week for a short prayer service to mark Catholic Schools Week. They stayed with us afterwards for a really pleasant cup of tea and a chat. Thanks for coming!

6<sup>th</sup> Class are taking part in the Young Entrepreneurs project and have designed a "Morphchord" as their project. They have worked through the research, feasibility and design phases and are now moving to the marketing and selling phases. Products are available to view at [www.leighlin.net](http://www.leighlin.net) in the Latest News section and please note that they will be taking orders on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Thank you for your support!

Remember that the school will be closed for mid-term break on Thursday and Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February. We will have a long weekend in March, being closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> **and** Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. Other planned closures are detailed on the school website.

If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their child for September but has not yet done so or is unsure, please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your support as always.

Principal