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February & March Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents

Bingo Fundraiser: Parents Association say a big thank you!

The *bakers* who provided us with gorgeous treats to share with students and their families at the Confirmation gathering on Tuesday 12th of March and who also baked for our Bingo night on Saturday 9th of March.

Hilary for forwarding emails from us to you and for printing our tickets and posters.

Our *sponsors* for giving so generously to support our bingo.

The parent *volunteers* who gave up their time: approaching businesses looking for sponsorship for our bingo, selling tickets outside the school during the week, setting up the school hall on Thursday evening for the Confirmation gathering and for serving teas/coffees on Friday, setting up the hall on Saturday afternoon for bingo and for being there on the night ensuring that everything ran smoothly - it was a real team effort and we really, really appreciate everyone's help.

Finally, a big *"thank you"* to everyone who came out on Saturday night to play bingo and to support our fund-raising efforts.

The total monies raised totalled €2673 an unbelievable amount which is thanks to you, the parents, supporting the work of us, your PA committee. Details of the sports equipment etc which will be purchased will be passed on in due course.

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Book fair: Thanks to all the parents and pupils who supported our recent book fair at the school. It was a great week. The pupils enjoyed the experience and it was great to have the parents browse the book fair.



All the classes in the school also visited KAVA during March and we would like to thank Sinéad Macken for facilitating this visit. Thank you to Sarah Fuller and Bláithín Breathnach (past pupil) who read stories to the pupils.



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HealthPromotingSchools
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St Joseph's N.S. is taking part in the process to establish the school as a Health Promoting School (HPS). A Health Promoting School is a school which promotes the good health of the whole school community. As part of our action planning, a committee comprising of pupils, teachers and parents has been established and one of the focus areas which will be targeted for improvement is the area of healthy eating. Healthy eating is also linked to many other key areas of health such as physical activity, mental health and oral health. It is the intention to 'refresh' the school community as to what is healthy eating, to update the Healthy Eating Policy and to hold Healthy Eating Week from the 8th-12th of April. You can follow our progress from the school website.www.kinvarans.ie



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Welcome to: Abel & Esther Renaux Carbonell and Sheena Harrison who joined our school recently
Allergies/ Medication: please ensure if your child (ren) have any allergies or are taking medication that the class teacher is aware of this.

Date to remember: First Holy Communion **18th of May 2019** St. Joseph's Church at 11am.

School Closure: The school will close at normal time on Friday April 12th for the Easter Holidays and will reopen on Monday 29th of April.



The Incredible Edible Scheme is a scheme to help the children become more aware of food origins, particularly Irish food origins. Children will learn about



the Bord Bia Quality Mark and what it means. The children will all have a chance to grow a vegetable or herbs in our new school garden. Children will have the opportunity to see their seeds grow and to taste the foods that they have grown themselves.

The children will also be encouraged to look at the foods on the food pyramid and become aware of the quality and nutritional value of the foods they eat. In the picture you can see some of the children from 5th class preparing the ground for planting.



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Thank you Saoirse, Zoe, Darragh, Hugh and Thomas and Gerry for all your hard work! Follow our progress on twitter @kinvarans or on our Facebook page St Joseph's N.S.



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Dominic Gallagher (Principal)