

Spring Newsletter Issue 3 February 2021

Cullen NS, Mullaghroe, Cullen, Mallow Co.Cork.

Dear Parents,

Cullen NS is a vibrant Catholic school celebrating **Catholic Schools Week** wholeheartedly from January 31st – February 6th 2021.

Elaine Cronin's 4th Class boys received a **Certificate** for their art entry Christmas **Postcards for Cork**

Elaine Cronin's Senior room of 4th, 5th & 6th Class participated in **Cycling Ireland's** 5 week course, Week 1 Theory, weeks 2-4 cycling around the yards, learning proper turning right/turning left, final week 5 cycling on the public roads accompanied by Cycling Ireland's 2 instructors and their teacher Elaine Cronin

On 19/1/20, Cullen N.S.'s entire 8 member Board of Management attended a 2 hour webinar Training session in the **Education Centre Tralee.**

Admissions Policy: The annual review of the **Admissions Policy** has been completed and ratified by our Board of Management on Wednesday 10/2/21. It has been emailed to all parents. Hard copies are available from the front office.

Cork Co. Council Engineer Billy Dennehy visited Cullen NS to further ascertain the **safety issues in the school surrounds** and approach roads in the village. This meeting has now culminated in Cullen NS being granted . I thank Cork Co. Cllr. Bernard Moynihan for speeding up this entire process.

As we head into Spring midterm break, I wish to especially, thank **Patricia Bradley** and **Urszula O'Connor** for all their hard work over the past six months and their dedication in **cleaning, sanitising and sterilising** our school meticulously and thoroughly, on a **daily** basis, thus helping us, to stay healthy, safe and covid free.

I thank **John Cronin, Flintfield** for **powerhosing** the entire school grounds - **street footpaths outside the school, entrance & exit gate areas, the entire carpark area, all the yard to the front of our school, all school footpaths, southern & northern yards**. I'm so appreciative of this **trojan, very necessary, time consuming, real health & safety** work.

Health and Safety: Our **half termly Fire Drill** took place on sday 10th February, organised by Catherine O'Sullivan.

I thank our next door neighbour **Denis O'Leary** who kindly agreed to the cutting of trees on our southern perimeter, thus helping us to erect our steel poles and ball save nets.

I thank our next door neighbour **Patrick Fleming** for keeping an eagle, prudent eye on our school premises at all times.

Donald & Maria Philpott / VM Ware Education Fund:

Term 1 2020: this money has funded art and craft materials, science and engineering equipment which will build science, technology, maths, teamwork, design, construction and language skills on a whole school basis, Polydrons, The Snow Queen from the Everyman Theatre, Christmas Annuals for every pupil and extra sports equipment.

So far in Term 2 2021: this fund has financed: **Cycling Ireland's 5 week Course for the 4th, 5th & 6th Classes, Literacy: the purchase of novels for the Senior Classes 3rd- 6th Classes, part payment for **Health & Safety: Steel poles and 4ft ball save netting along our northern & southern perimeters****

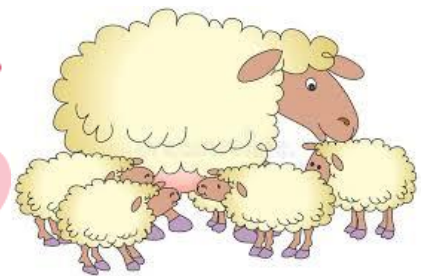
Cullen NS will close for Spring mid term break on Wednesday 17th February @ 3pm.

We will return to school @ 9:20am on Monday 22nd February 2021.

Enjoy our few days of midterm break everyone, God bless,

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