

HSCCL Newsletter:



Dear Parent,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. We have had a great first two terms with a variety of courses running in both schools for parents and children. We were very fortunate to be able to run a fitness class, operation transformation, cookery course, computer lessons, pyrography class, English for fun, CAPER/Bed time reading club, make up application and Small engines course for dads and lads.

We have an even busier term coming up ahead.

In class activities/ Adult Education:

- Maths for fun,
- Science/Lego for fun,
- Knitting,
- Drama workshops,
- What to expect from 1st year maths
- A cyber bullying evening
- Outdoor activities programme and a
- Transfer initiative for our sixth class pupils who will be heading to the secondary school in the upcoming months.

We have a great tradition in our schools of including parents in their child's learning. Many different in class activities will take place this term. Keep a look out for the letter and don't be afraid to get involved!

Attendance:

Every day counts!

Being on time is extremely important. If a child misses 10 minutes of school each morning, that's almost 1 hour of school a week!

Give your child enough time to get ready for school in the morning. Pack school bag, have homework ready, and lay out uniforms the night before.

I.T. tips to help your child's learning:

www.helpmykidlearn.ie is a lovely website that is appropriate for all age groups, it goes through lots of ideas and suggestions to help with your child's English development through games, songs, comprehensions and writing tasks.

There are a range of parenting courses coming up in Portlaoise over the next couple of weeks please turn over to have a look.



Look at the amazing things we made as part of our pyrography class. A huge thank you to a very dedicated and creative group. If you would like to take part in this really enjoyable class, we will be running it again.



We had a little graduation ceremony to say well done to all the kids and their parents/grandparents who took part in our six week cookery programme. We had a really enjoyable time creating and making new dishes. Again, we hope to run this class so make sure you sign up with your child.



Huge thanks to the group who produced this beautiful pyrography piece for the girl's school as part of their green schools initiative. It is displayed pride of place in the entrance hall of the girl's school.

Small changes, big differences.



FREE Triple P 2 hour Parenting Workshop For Parents of Children 2-10 years

Dealing with Disobedience.

This workshop provides examples of common forms of disobedience and some reasons why children have difficulty learning to follow instructions. A number of positive parenting strategies are then introduced to help parents develop a personal plan to prevent disobedience, teach their child limits, and also to manage disobedience when necessary.

Tuesday 8 th May	10am-12pm	Treo Nua Family Resource Centre, Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise
Tuesday 15 th May	7pm-9pm	Portlaoise Education Centre, Block Road, Portlaoise Treo Nua
Tuesday 12 th June	10am-12pm	Family Resource Centre, Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise
Tuesday 19 th June	7pm-9pm	Portlaoise Education Centre, Block Road, Portlaoise

Managing Fighting and Aggression

In this workshop parents are encouraged to share their experiences of aggressive and destructive behaviour from their children, and discuss some of the reasons children fight. This group covers the skills that children need, to be able to cooperate and get along with others. Parents learn how to teach skills such as sharing, communicating and being gentle. They also prepare plans to manage times when fighting and aggression do occur.

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(Booking is essential)

To book your place, call the Midland Area Parenting Partnership Office at 0906447111. You can phone, book in online or look at our website www.triplep-parenting.net or call Deirdre 0860274837/Sinead 0868215102.



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