

Family Note No. 15 (10th Feb. 2010)

Dear Parents,
Please note the following:

1. Green Schools' Project:

- a) **Scoil Barra's Second Green Flag Award:** Congratulations to all members of the school community on being awarded our second Green Flag for promoting Energy Awareness and Conservation. A special word of thanks to the members of Scoil Barra's Green Schools' Committee (made up of pupils, parents and staff members: Alannah Hickey, Kate Shaughnessy, Jack Hoey, Sarah Cooke, Laura Enright, Eoin Lynch, John Hallissey, Chiara O' Mahony, Dylan Kelly, Mary Daly, Cathy Peters, Máiréad Ní Dhonnabháin, Sandra Quinlan, Úna Cremins, Rose Derham, Denis Kelleher, D.O' Sullivan). Under the direction of Sandra Quinlan (Green Schools' Co-Ordinator), the Committee members do fantastic 'green' work throughout the year and the Second Green Flag is a fitting reward for their interest and commitment to all things 'green'!
- b) **Mobile Phones Recycling Appeal:** Many thanks for your wonderful support of the Mobile Phones Recycling Appeal (Jack & Jill Foundation Initiative). The great news is that we have reached our target of 500 recycled phones and we will be rewarded for our efforts by taking delivery of a new Interactive Whiteboard within the next few weeks. *Maith sibh uilig.*
- c) **Clothes Recycling Appeal:** Many thanks for your support of the recent Clothing Recycling Appeal (Eco-Environmental Agency). A total of 126 large plastic bags of clothes were collected and the €3 contribution per bag will be donated by the school to the Haiti Disaster Appeal Fund.

2. **Mid-Term Break:** As previously notified, pupils will not attend school next week (15th – 19th Feb).

3. **Staff Meeting:** As previously notified, a further Staff Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 12th March.**

4. **Ballinacollig Credit Union Quiz:** Well done to the 32 members of the eight quiz teams who participated in the Annual Credit Union Quiz on 30th Jan. Special mention of the Third and Fifth Class Teams who finished Third in both age categories. Ms. Dorgan was very impressed with the enthusiasm and good behaviour of all the pupils.

5. **Class Masses:** Fr. Billy O' Sullivan, School Chaplain, has arranged for the celebration of Class Masses in the Church of Christ Our Light during February & March as per the following schedule:

Wednesday, 10th Feb. @ 9.30 a.m.: Sixth Classes; Wednesday, 24th Feb. @ 9.30 a.m.: Fifth Classes. Wednesday, 3rd March @ 9.30 a.m.: Fourth Classes. Wednesday, 10th March @ 9.30 a.m.: Third Classes. Thursday, 11th March @ 9.30 a.m.: Second Classes (First Penance Ceremony that night at 7.30 p.m.)

Donal O' Sullivan, Principal.

Caper (Children And Parents Enjoying Reading)

Thanks to everyone who is assisting us with CAPER each morning. Your help is **really** appreciated. In an effort to ensure that all helpers are following the same procedure for joining the class in the mornings I would ask you to take note of the following:

Many parents wait on the yard with the class that they will be working with and enter the school with the class. This works well for all concerned. However, if you would prefer to wait indoors then please wait on the corridor outside the classroom until the class and the teacher enter. Then enter the classroom with the class.

Catherine Keohane, CAPER Organiser.

