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## **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

In Celtic tradition Imbolc, or St. Brigid's Day, is a great festival to celebrate in arrival of Spring on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.

There are a range of wonderful events and activities organised around the country to celebrate our Patroness (and great Kildare woman). It also marks 1500 years since the passing of St. Brigid. Details can be found on the [brigid1500.ie](http://brigid1500.ie) website.

## **Talent show**

At today's Assembly I announced the details for this year's talent show. We will be recording the performances on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and the talent show itself will be broadcast to the whole school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The children have 2 ½ weeks to practice their routine for the big day. The excitement has already started to build.

## **Hot School Meals**

I'm delighted to announce that we have selected Bradbury's of Athy as the supplier for the Hot School Meals, which begins on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending home order forms and login details with each child in the next few weeks. A list of the dinners that will be provided can be viewed at this link: <https://irishschoolmeals.ie/hot-food/>

## **Parents Plus - Children's Programme**

A hugely popular evidence-based parenting course on promoting confidence, learning and positive behaviour in children aged six to 11 years is being run online every Tuesday for 9 weeks. To reserve a place contact Noreen O'Brien 01 921 3568 (Kildare Area)

## **Spring clean**



There's no better way to kick off Spring than with a good old Spring clean. Today our 6<sup>th</sup> class boys and girls donned the hi-vis, grabbed a litter picker and picked up rubbish around the village. These confirmation candidates have been set a challenge by Bishop Denis to 'let their light shine around the community'.

## **Safer Internet Day**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is safer internet day and we are organising some workshops and activities to teach children of some of the online dangers. Barnardos run hugely popular information sessions for parents on Internet Safety and cyberbullying. You can register for these at the following link: <https://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/online-safety-programme/for-parents/>

Garda Neil McKenna will be delivering Internet Safety talks to 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> classes on Thursday next.

## **Swimming**

Tuesday next is the last day of swimming for 3<sup>rd</sup> class. On the following Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes will have their turn to go swimming for a 6 week period.

Have a lovely long weekend everyone. We'll see you all again on Tuesday morning.

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Ciarán O'Toole  
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