RTÉ-IRISH TIMES MUSIC IN THE CLASSRROOM SERIES

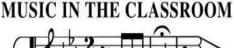
The RTÉ/Irish Times Music in the Classroom series has been a remarkable success story. Over the years the concerts have brought the excitement, beauty and sheer fun of live orchestral music to many primary and junior secondary school children.

The idea for Music in the Classroom originated with Gearóid Grant. He devises and conducts the programmes, which provide an entertaining and imaginative introduction to the experience of seeing an orchestra perform on stage for pupils. The aim is to instill a love of listening to and learning about music.

Both of the RTÉ orchestras take part in the series, the 89-strong RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra and the 45-strong RTÉ Concert Orchestra. Each year there are 17 concert days for primary school children in Dublin and a five-day tour around the country.

Pupils from 1st – 6th class will attend the RTÉ Music in the Classroom concert on Monday 12th January in the TF Royal Theatre in Castlebar at 12p.m. The concert will last approximately 1 hour. The bus costs €9 per pupil and €23 for families leaving the school at 10a.m. Pupils should bring a packed lunch as normal. Tickets for the concert costing €10 per pupil have been covered by voluntary family contributions.

Music includes *Mission Impossible*, *High School* Musical and film music comes to life with the Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs medley which pupils will sing along with.







Happy New Year

"Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir."

Wishing you all a Happy New Year & many blessings in the year to come.

Tinwhistle

Orla McAtavia will teach tinwhistle to all classes from senior infants - 6th class this term on Wednesdays beginning on Wednesday 21st January.

County Photos (Optional)

County Photos taken last term will be sent out next week.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday, January 25th, marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2015. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the wonderful contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities. This year's theme is *Catholic Schools: A Call to Serve*. Each day of this week has a particular focus as follows:

- Monday We are called to serve with love
- Tuesday We are called to serve with kindness
- Wednesday We are called to serve with joy
- Thursday We are called to serve with truth
- Friday We are called to serve with justice



GRANDPARENTS & PARENTS PRAYER SERVICE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

To celebrate the joy that grandparents bring to families, we welcome grandparents & parents to come into the school on Friday 30th January at 1:30p.m. for a short prayer service & blessing of St. Brigid's crosses made by the children. Enjoy a cup of tea/ coffee afterwards. All welcome.

SIGHT SAVERS ART COMPETITION

Pupils in all classes will work on the Sight Savers Junior Painter Awards 2015. This year pupils are invited to paint a picture on the theme of "I want you to see....."

FRED CORVENIO

Fred Corvenio presents his magic show on Thursday 29th January in the school hall for all classes. The show costs €3 per pupil with a maximum of €8 per family.

1ST FEBRUARY

Lá Fhéile Bríde - St. Brigid's Day

As St. Brigid's Day falls on a Sunday we will carry on the tradition of making St. Brigid's crosses on Friday 30th January. Please remember to bring some rushes to school on this day.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ DATE

Glenamaddy Credit Union Quiz will take place on Sunday 1st February (time confirmed nearer the date) in Glenamaddy Community Centre for U11 & U 13 teams.

SWIMMING

Swimming starts on Monday 2^{nd} March this term (more details nearer date)

Go raibh míle maith agaibh



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