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## **JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

Dear parents,

Welcome to the January newsletter!

### **Shed Mural:**

Our Shed Mural project will be getting underway shortly. We would like to thank Sperrin Galvanisers for their €1,500 donation towards our Shed Mural. We have commissioned an artist to revamp the shed. The plan is to put the Tynagh NS crest on the gable end of the shed facing the road. The rest of the external walls of the shed will be painted brightly in a geometric pattern. Internally they will also be painted. One half of the shed will have an affirmation inside it and will be used to keep outdoor yard games, such as giant lego blocks, giant jenga and giant connect four. The other half of the shed will keep its existing internal mural, but this will be touched up. In addition there will be black chalk paint on the inside wall to complement the mud kitchen and Aistear space. Both internal spaces will have astro grass laid on the ground inside, to make it more comfortable for the students to play on. Thanks again to the Parents' Group for powerwashing the shed earlier in the year to get it ready for this project. Thanks also to John, our caretaker, for further washing and priming the walls.

**Gymnastics:** The children will begin gymnastics lessons on Thursday 29th February. The lessons will take place over 8 weeks. The lessons are being provided by School Fitness Ireland. The cost of these lessons will be covered by the funds raised from Carol Singing and the Christmas Raffle.

**BLAST Arts:** We started our BLAST Arts in Education programme this month with Thérèse. The students are having a great time learning different techniques for their project on Pallas Castle. They have explored a range of materials and planned out how they will create their art pieces. We look forward to the next 4 workshop weeks to develop and finish our projects.

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**School Tour:** Our school tour is booked with [Shannon River Adventure](#) on the 31st of May. Their activities will cater for the whole school. Junior Infants and Senior Infants will participate in the land activities, while 2nd to 6th class will take part in the land & water activities. The activities start at 10am and finish at 4pm. We will stop at Mcdonalds on the way back too! It will be an early start and a late finish. More information will be provided closer to the date regarding drop off/pick up times.

**Cybersafety:** Ger Brick is booked to do an online talk with the senior class students on the 11th March, covering the topics of staying safe and behaving responsibly online, as well as cyberbullying. This links in with our Stay Safe programme, which we are currently covering in school.

**School Calendars:** School calendars are now sold out! Thank you for all your support.

**Enrolment:** Enrolment is now open for Tynagh NS. Enrolment forms are available on the school website or at the school. We will be holding an open evening in March. Details to follow.

## **Updated school closures:**

- The school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 8th March** as the school is being used as a Polling Station.
- The school will be closed on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** as the school is being used as a Polling Station.

Kind regards,

**Mr Davern**

Acting Principal