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# HSCL NEWSLETTER RIVERSDALE COMMUNITY



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## Parent/Teacher Meetings for 3rd and 6th Years

Please note that this meeting will take place on Thursday 15th of November from 4.15pm –6.45pm. Teas/coffees/biscuits will be served at the meeting. Attendance at the same meeting last year was 60% so I'm hoping that we get full attendance at this meeting. It is vital for parents to attend so they can get feedback on how well their son/daughter is getting on in school. Remember it is about partnership in education and the whole school community working together in the best interest of our students. I will record attendance as per usual and I will send out reminder texts closer to the event. Cathal HSCL

## CAO Information Night for Parents/Guardians of 6th Year Students

Ms. Mulhall our Career Guidance Counsellor will facilitate a quick meeting next Monday 12th November at 7pm sharp in the school library. This is a must attend meeting if your son/daughter is sitting the Leaving Certificate in June 2019. Light refreshments will be served at the event and I will be meeting and greeting on the way in. I will also be recording attendance at the event so if you can't attend please let me know on 0867769808. Cathal HSCL

## HSCL/JCSP Coffee Morning for First Year Parents/Guardians

A coffee morning for first year parents/guardians will take place in the parents room Friday 23rd November at 11.15am. Mr. White our JCSP coordinator will give a short presentation. It will be an ideal opportunity to meet Mr. Egan our Year Head for 1st Years and the tutors Ms. O'Reilly and Ms. Owens. I will contact everybody in relation to this closer to the event to check on your availability to attend. Cathal HSCL

## Maths For Fun

During maths week in October I visited Mr. Farrell's first year maths class and two fifth classes in St. Patrick's and Ladyswell respectively. The aim was to give them a flavor of what is to come in the New Year. The feedback from Last Year's Maths For Fun was fantastic so we hope to do much the same this time around. If there any parents interested in helping out please let me know as we need your involvement to make this successful once again.

Mr. Farrell and Mr. Murphy have committed already. I can't wait for the next one! Cathal HSCL

**REMEMBER THE LINK BETWEEN ATTENDANCE AND ATTAINMENT !**

*It is important that your son/daughter attends school everyday -Good Attendance means Good Results.*

**First year enrolment for August 2019 has now started! Application Forms are available in the office on request. Contact HSCL department if you have any queries.**

### Gardening Course

We have 8 parents doing a QQI Level 3 qualification in gardening. We visited the Botanic gardens in October as part of the course. Fantastic work has been done by the parents in our courtyard garden over the last year. I cannot thank them enough for their wonderful attitude and hard graft around the school. If any more parents are interested please let me know as we will be running a 16 week course in the New Year.



### Strengthening Families Programme

If any parents or guardians are interested in finding out about this programme please let me know. A new one starts in the New Year and they are taking referrals now.

#### Trip to Barcelona

Well done to all the students and teachers who visited Barcelona in October. Well done to all those involved. A fantastic time was had by all.

#### Focus Groups

I am looking for 10 parents to participate in focus group to discuss and evaluate the school and to give parents a voice in the planning process.

If you are interested in contributing please let me know asap as I will be convening a meeting in early December.

#### Money Magic Course

Apologies for not getting this money saving course off the ground but I only had 4 parents interested and I needed 8. We will try again in the New Year. Let me know if you want to participate.

#### Attendance Initiative

Thanks to the parents and students who submitted entries in the Art competition. The winners will be revealed soon. The winning entries will be printed onto postcards to be used for parental communication in relation to attendance in school. It is so important that your children attend school everyday.



### Parents Council

If any parents want to join the parents council please contact the chairperson, Caroline McCabe on 08516882830.

New Members are always welcome!

#### Garda Vetting

I am always looking for parents to help out with the various initiatives in HSCL. To do this you must go through the Garda vetting process. No pressure but please let me know if you are interested.

#### Home Visits

If you need a bit of support with your child's education and want a home visit please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you need to contact the school and can't get through to Eileen in the office, you can always contact me on 0867769808 and I will pass on any messages.

#### One Book/One Community

We had another hugely successful One Book event for the four Wednesdays in October. A big thanks to Ms. McHale our librarian for all her hard work, to all the parents who help and supported the event, the teachers involved for their help and most of all the students for their engaged participation.

#### Book Club for Parents

Are there any parents out there who like reading? Ms. McHale and I are looking to start a book club for parents. Let me know if you are interested.

**Thank You Cathal, HSCL Co-ordinator!**