Monthly newsletter for November 2014



Congratulations to all October Award Winners!



On behalf of all the staff and pupils of Recarson PS, we send our best wishes to those P7 pupils who are sitting the Entrance Test later this month. We wish them every success.





(Above) P6 Winners: Leah, Erin and, missing from picture, Manus.



(Above) P7 Winners: Conor, Niamh and Matthew.

The Teachers would like to thank Parents for their positive comments and feedback passed on at the recent Parent/Teacher Meetings. Your words of recognition for the work being done is *much appreciated!*

Mrs McGread, Mrs Hayes, Mrs McElhill, Mrs McAuley, Mrs Glackin & Mrs Morgan.



Recarson Parent Support Group Fundraising for Term 1

The PSG are planning a Christmas Hamper Raffle. More details will follow later this month inviting parents to contribute items for these hampers.

Any money raised will be invested in completing the purchase of Reading books for pupils in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1. A worthy cause!



Open Day will take place on <u>Friday</u> <u>12th December 2014 at 1.00pm</u> for all prospective parents and children due to start school in September 2015.

As word of mouth is such a powerful way of reaching those parents giving consideration to the choice of school for their child, please encourage any new parents/families that you know - who have children of school age - to consider coming along to our Open Day.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Anti-Bullying Week 2014

Pupils will take part in the province wide 'Anti-Bullying Week' later this month. The 2014 theme is 'Together we will make a difference'.

End Bullying Now

CHIILDREN'S HIRISTMAS CARDS

As a fundraising initiative for the school, each pupil will soon design their very own Christmas Card in their Art & Design lesson time which we will be getting printed in packs for sale to parents.

No doubt these unique cards will make a very nice Christmas surprise for family and friends!

While there is no obligation to buy, the school makes a small



profit for each pack of Christmas cards sold. You may further support us by purchasing your Christmas wrapping paper through the school (Please see the enclosed flyer).

> Look out for your child's sample card and ordering information which you will receive later this month.

Any funds raised will go towards reward events for our positive behaviour system.

Planned Improvements to School Accommodation



A significant number of Minor Works applications were lodged with the Department of Education at the beginning of last school year. These applications sought to

address necessary improvements regarding health and safety, improvements in the school's accommodation and to meet wider staff and pupil needs. These included applications for:

- the replacement of two mobile classrooms;
- the installation of a secure access control system to ensure all visitors to the site are 'buzzed in';
- the installation of a telephone exchange system between classrooms (for communication in times of emergency);
- the completion of perimeter fencing around the whole school site (*now complete during October 2014*)
- the reconfiguration of the front of the school site to bring about a larger car parking area and a drop-off/ lay-by area for use by parents at drop off and collection time (potentially including the movement of an existing mobile classroom to the back of the site).

The Board of Governors, meanwhile, continue to pursue the favoured and ultimate goal of securing capital investment for a new school building for Recarson PS under the Department of Education's Major Works Programme. Much energy, time and planning continues to be put into ensuring we have the best possible environment in which to educate the pupils of our school.

More school news from Recarson PS next month!