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## Child Protection

With the publication of the new Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools 2017' our school community has engaged with the revised procedures and now has the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment in place. This document was ratified by the Board of Management in accordance with Circular 82/2017. This document is available to view on our Parents' Notice Board in our main entrance hall. A copy has been furnished to each family in the school, to our Patron and to the Chairperson of our Parents' Association.

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## P.A.T.H Donation

Mark Farrell Portlaoise Action To Homelessness (P.A.T.H.) visited the school on Monday 12th February and spoke with the pupils in Mrs Wallace's classroom about the work that P.A.T.H does. He was given a cheque for €210.00, the proceeds from their card sale at Christmas.

## Cinema Night

We had a full house at our Family Movie Night which was held in the school on Thursday 22nd February. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the movie "Sing". Once again, a sincere thank you to our hard-working Parents' Association for organising this event and thank you for supporting our fundraising event for the new sports/PE equipment.

## SPHE Bullying Awareness Programme

This year we organised a speaker from the National Anti-bullying Research and Resource Centre, Liam Challenor to come and talk to the pupils about bullying as part of the SPHE Bullying Awareness programme to include Cyber-bullying and staying safe on-line. Teachers attended a workshop in the afternoon. Pupils and teachers alike found the workshop very beneficial.



## Art Competition

In December last year an exhibition of children's art took place in Gomel city in Belarus. It was organized by art teachers of Art Architectural School n. 19 of Gomel city. Children from seven countries (Ireland, England, Denmark, Italy, Israel, Russia and Ukraine) sent in their works of art. Belarusian children also took part in the competition. All the art was displayed in the school. Some of the works were awarded diplomas in the painting and graphics categories. Those works went on to be exhibited in two art galleries in the city. A crew from a local television network filmed the event. It was shown on Belarusian tv. Well done to all who entered the competition and congratulations to the following pupils:

Ross Zborovsky	2nd place in Painting
Thomas Petkevicius	3rd place in Painting
Ruth Talbot	Diploma in Graphics
Hannah McCorry	Diploma in Graphics
Jason Shirley	Diploma in Graphics
Leona Hughes	Diploma in Graphics



## Restaurant Evening

Mrs. Wallace's 3rd and 4th class pupils were very busy preparing for their Pop-Up Restaurant for their families on 15th March. They prepared recipes, menus, invitations and created beautiful placemats. On the evening there was unbelievable excitement as Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandads and relations arrived to be served an unforgettable dinner by their children. A sincere thank you to Avril and Mr. Wallace who helped out in the kitchen on the night. We couldn't have managed without them. Congratulations to the children on a job well done. It is all about creating precious memories for our pupils.

## Table Quiz

Our annual Easter Family Table Quiz took place on Thursday 22nd March in our school G.P. Hall. A fun evening was had by all. The teachers kindly set the questions so everyone had a fair chance. Each child received an Easter egg and there was a fantastic raffle on the night. To add to the night there was an Easter Bonnet /Top Hat Competition for the pupils. There was a prize for each class. Our children were very creative. There were many wonderful entries. Well done to all who participated in the competition and congratulations to the winners. A huge thank you to our Parents' Association who arranged this evening.

