

ST. COLMCILLE'S PARENTS COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2013

Connect with Respect !!

Internet Safety Day was 5th February 2013. *The Internet is Useful it brings many benefits .. but it can be misused for activities that annoy, harass and intimidate people.* The Office for Internet Safety has launched an awareness campaign for children using the internet. We, as parents, are aware how powerful the internet is in today's world – whether its for research use, social networking, gaming or just browsing. Unfortunately, it can be used negatively too. The Office for Internet Safety has *Get With It* booklets available for download on www.internetsafety.ie

- A parents' guide to new media technologies;
- A parents' guide to filtering technologies;
- A parents' guide to social-networking websites;
- A guide to cyberbullying.

There are also recommended websites such as www.webwise.ie or www.watchyourspace.ie which give helpful information and top tips for safer internet use.

You can also find information on the National Parents Council web page – www.npc.ie

School Quiz Night

This years Quiz Night will be held on **Thursday, 14th March** in the school.

Cost is €15.00 per team (which must include *at least* one child from the school and one adult). It's a great night with prizes for the winning teams and lots of spot-prizes throughout the night. A reminder will be sent nearer the date.

Have Your Say

The NCCA are holding a survey on what you think of the Report Cards being used by our schools. If you would like to take part in this survey, go to www.npc.ie and following the link (surveymonkey.com). Closing date for submission of survey is 22nd February 2013.

Talk in Community School

Jigsaw, supported by Headstrong, the National Centre for Youth Mental Health are holding a talk for parents in the Community School on 28th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. www.jigsaw.ie/meath

Contact Us:

You can now contact the Parent's Council by email at parents.council.kells@gmail.com

Dates For Your Diary

School closed Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February 2013.