**January Circular 2024**

**Dear Parent/Guardian,**

**We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and we wish you and your families a very happy and healthy new year.**

**Enrolment 2024-2025** Applications for enrolment in our Junior Infant class for September 2024/2025 are now available in the school office and on our school website ([www.quayschool.ie)](http://www.quayschool.ie)) .We are holding an enrolment week from **Tuesday 6th February until Friday 9th February**.

**School Calendars** are now available to purchase. The cost of the calendar is €10 each. An ePayment option is set up on Aladdin Connect. A huge thank you to our local businesses for sponsoring advertisements in the calendar and to our Parents Association for organising this fundraiser. A special thank you to Ugnius Brazdziunas (Amayo Photography) for taking the time to photograph the pupils.

**“Say Yes to Languages” Primary Sampler Module** we were successful in our application for participation in the “Say Yes to Languages” Primary Sampler Module for this year again. The module will run for 8 weeks in Term 2 for 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils. Mr Douglas Whittaker from Westport Language School will facilitate the classes.

**Internet Safety Presentation** A parent information evening will be held online with Mr Ger Bricks on **Thursday 1st February** at 7:15pm. The talk incorporates video, guidelines, practical demonstrations and discussion, providing parents with practical non-technical information and guidance for keeping their children and families safe online. We really encourage at least one parent from each family to attend.

**Grandparents Day/Wellbeing Week** Wellbeing Week/ Grandparents Day Wednesday January 31st: Wellbeing Week will begin on Monday, January 29th in our school. An important part of this week is Grandparents Day. To mark this special day we invite all our grandparents to join us for refreshments in the school hall at 10am on Wednesday January 31st. We look forward to welcoming our Grandparents and acknowledging the very important role they play in our lives.

**School Closure** Please also note that on **Friday, March 8th** School will be closed as it has been requisitioned as a polling centre for the Referendum on Family and Care. (https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/c9193- government-approves-proposals-for-referendums-on-family-and-care/#)

**St Vincent de Paul** A huge thank you to our pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th class and staff who raised over €500 for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul while carol singing before Christmas.

**School Uniform** Please ensure that your child wears the appropriate school uniform at all times during the school day and week.

**Attendance** Schools must maintain records of school attendance and inform the educational welfare officer if a child has missed more than 20 days in any school year or is not attending school regularly. To ensure that the school has accurate information about absences please input information on Aladdin Connect.

**Jacket/Coats** On cold/wet days we ask you to ensure that your child wears their coat to school. We have two break times during the school day when the children go to the yard (weather permitting).

**Football Team** The boys and girls football team (4th, 5th & 6th) will train every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during lunch (weather permitting).

**Hurling/Camogie Team** The Hurling/Camogie team (4th, 5th & 6th) will train every Friday during lunch (weather permitting)

**Cross Country** Cross county training for 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils will take place during lunch every Wednesday (weather permitting) and for 2nd and 3rd class on Friday (weather permitting) on the Greenway.

**Dates for your Diary**

* Internet Safety Talk for Parents – Thursday 1st February
* Public Holiday (St Brigid’s Day)– Monday 5th February
* Mid-Term break on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th February

Le gach dea ghuí,

Kevin Munnelly,

Principal