



ANSEO! ARE YOU IN??

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The schools in your local area are coming together to work on improving the attendance of all children in primary and secondary schools. This attendance initiative is an attempt to eliminate the after effects of Covid, which saw a significant drop in school attendance, and is being run nationwide this year.

Research has proven that children who attend school on a regular basis have a much greater chance of excelling academically as they engage daily with vital literacy and numeracy skills.

The Home School Community Liaison teachers in the Inchicore, Ballyfermot and Palmerstown areas are staging a community based attendance drive that will take place from January - March 2024. The aim of this attendance drive is to get the attendance figures of all school-going children in the area, back to pre-pandemic days.

There is great excitement in the local schools, as the children are participating in an attendance poster competition. They are actively creating slogans and discussing the importance of coming to school each day, while creatively illustrating this in the form of an A3 poster. The winning poster will be added to a large banner, which will be printed professionally and displayed outdoors in the wider community in early 2024, so keep an eye out for this!

The Lord Mayor of Dublin will Launch this attendance drive after the Christmas break, and the winners of the poster competition, along with their parents, will be invited to attend.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas, and to thank you, the parents, for encouraging your children to attend school every day.

With warmest regards,
The schools of Ballyfermot, Inchicore and Palmerstown.