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## October Newsletter

### 1. Newsletters

Our monthly newsletters are a great way to keep the parent body informed of activities that are happening in our school. A lot of paper is wasted however on photocopying. We are a Green Schools and encourage the girls to reduce paper waste. In future all newsletters and a lot of correspondence will be communicated by email.

### 2. Aladdin ePayments

The Aladdin ePayments system has now been set up. We hope it will be a beneficial service for you the parents. Receipts will be issued electronically by Aladdin when payments are made. The first payment which we will use to trial this system will be for 5<sup>th</sup> class swimming as that will be due in November.

### 3. School Charges

There is still a considerable amount of school charges outstanding. We would really appreciate if these could be paid as soon as possible. An e-mail reminder will be sent this week with a link to the Aladdin ePayments system to those whose fees are outstanding and who would prefer to pay online.

### 4. Arranging to take pupils from school

When Parents/Guardians wish to take a pupil from the school (e.g. for a medical appointment) the class teacher should be informed in writing. All pupils must be signed out at the main office by the Parent/Guardian. **Pupils cannot be signed out by anyone under the age of 18.**

### 5. Parent Teacher Meetings.

The Parent Teacher Meetings for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 3 – 5pm. Your daughter's class teacher will contact you closer to the time to make an appointment. As in previous years, your daughter's teacher may make an appointment with you on an alternative date around this time.

Parent teacher meetings for Junior and Senior Infants take place at the end of January / beginning of February. A date has not been set yet.

### 6. Book Fair

The book fair will come to the school the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to keep us in mind if purchasing books as gifts etc. as we get a large percentage of sales back in books. We need to fill our lovely new library.

### 7. School Self Evaluation

This year as part of the school self-evaluation process we are going to look at 'Teanga O Bhéal'. We endeavour to place a greater emphasis on spoken Irish throughout the school. Pupils in Mrs. Dignam's 2<sup>nd</sup> class and Ms. Heneghan's 4<sup>th</sup> class together with their parents will be asked to complete questionnaires on Irish to give us an indication of where we are at.

## **8. Website for parents**

[www.irishforparents.ie](http://www.irishforparents.ie) this is a website to help parents with their childrens Irish homework.

[www.isfeidirliom.ie](http://www.isfeidirliom.ie) another website to help parents with spoken Irish at home.

## **9. School Gates**

This is a reminder that parents are not allowed to enter the school yard in the mornings. There is a teacher at the gate supervising the children as they walk into the yard. This is for Child Protection reasons.

At home time, parents of 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class must wait to collect their children outside the school gates.

## **10. Scoil Mhuire Information Night**

The Scoil Mhuire Information night is due to be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Credit Union Vouchers**

If anybody has Credit Union vouchers at home please be aware that they must be used by October 24<sup>th</sup>. These can be used against future payments for gymnastics / swimming. If you have them at home please send them in a.s.a.p.

## **12. Christmas Cards**

Mrs. O Shaughnessy is once again organising Christmas cards designed by the children. This is a fundraiser for the school. Just to bear in mind that these will be for sale when purchasing your Christmas cards.

## **13. Confirmation**

Confirmation this year which will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March with Bishop Denis Nulty. Ms. Duffy's class is at 11am and Mrs. May's class at 2pm.

The Information meeting and registration will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 8.30pm in the Parish Church. (Please note the change of venue)

## **14. First Holy Communion**

First Holy Communion will take place on the following dates.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am - Ms. Gleeson's class

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am – Ms. Barrett's class

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 am – Mrs. Dignam's class.

The Information meeting and registration for First Holy Communion will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October in the Parish Church (Please note the change of venue)

## **15. Presidential Election**

A reminder that the school is closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October for the Presidential election. Our last day of school will be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October and we will reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November after the Halloween Break.

## **16. Halloween Dress Up**

As has been tradition now for the past number of years, the children dress up in their Halloween costumes the last day before the holidays. This will now be Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The children are asked to bring in a dress up fee of €2. We won't be having a best dressed competition as we feel it puts unnecessary pressure on everyone.

## 17. Student Council

An assembly was held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students to talk through the process of setting up our student council for this school year. Ms. Heneghan, Ms. Johnson and Ms. Duffy will work with the student council to ensure that the students voice is heard in our school. Elections are currently underway to nominate our class captains. Last year our student council did fantastic work and we are very proud of all they achieved to make our school a better place for the students.

## 18. Fourth class trip to Donadea and Bird watching Ireland.

The 4<sup>th</sup> class students will be taking a trip to Donadea forest on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## 19. Label Everything

Please check that your child's name is clearly written on all her belongings.

## 20. Mobile Phones

This is a reminder that all mobile phones must be switched off before entering school grounds. Phones can be confiscated if found switched on – on the premises. Please see are mobile phone policy on the website.

## 21. Zippy Friends

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September Ms. Young and Mrs. O'Shaughnessy attended training with the HSE on the 'Zippy Friends Programme'. This programme is designed to teach coping and social skills to children age 5 -7 as part of the SPHE curriculum. This programme runs in classrooms for 24 weeks. Items covered include:

**Feelings:** To improve childrens ability to recognise difficult feelings and to identify coping strategies to deal with those feelings.

**Communication:** To improve children's abilities to communicate their feelings.

**Making and Breaking Friends:** To improve children's abilities to make friends and to cope with rejection and loneliness.

**Conflict resolution:** To improve children's abilities to resolve conflicts.

**Dealing with Change and Loss:** To improve children's abilities to cope with change and loss.

**We cope:** To improve children's abilities to use a variety of coping strategies.

We were very fortunate to secure two places on this training programme. We hope it will be beneficial to our girls.

## 22. Accelerated Reader

The children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have all completed their reading assessment for accelerated reading. We now hope they make use of our fantastic new library facility and keep reading.

## 23. Activities

There are lots of different 'weeks' in a school calendar. This year as we will be having a Christmas concert we will be focusing on four weeks.

- Anti- Bullying Week
- Active Schools Week
- Catholic Schools Week
- Seachtain na Gaeilge

## 24. Christmas Concert

We will be having a Christmas concert this year. Specific dates have not been finalised but they will be held the last week before the holidays between 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

The Junior and Senior Infant classes will perform in the afternoon and 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class in the evening.

## 25. Parents Association

Reminder: The Parents Association will be holding a used clothing collection on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Bags can be dropped off on Tuesday Evening 16<sup>th</sup> October between 6 & 9pm and before 9am Wednesday morning.

## Sport

### 26. Camogie

We are delighted to have had Ms. Deirbhile Byrne coach camogie in the school over the past month. We know the girls in 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> really enjoyed it.

### 27. Football

Our under 11 football team have played two matches to date. They won their last match against Kill and are now through to the semi-finals.

Thank you to Ms. Clohessy and Ms. Shaw for taking the time to coach the girls.

### 28. Overview

The following is an overview of some of the sports available to the girls this school year.

September – October:	Football for u/11 team
October – December	Basketball for 6 <sup>th</sup> class
January – February	Basketball for 5 <sup>th</sup> class
End of Feb – Easter	Hockey for 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> class
April – June	Football for 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Football league for 4 <sup>th</sup> class Camogie for 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> . (Mrs. Dermody will be on maternity leave at this time but Clane GAA have offered to help us out.)

I would like to thank all the teachers for providing the children with such opportunities.

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