



October 2021

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we have come to midterm already. The time is flying! It has been a very busy and challenging time so far this year. I wish you all a relaxed, safe and peaceful mid-term break.

Sacraments

The sixth class from last year made their Confirmation on 24th September and the current fourth class made their First Communion on 2nd October. We look forward to the third classes making their First Penance and then their First Communion on 20th November.

Sport

In-school sport has resumed with swimming, cricket, hockey and GAA.

We are awaiting guidance from Cumann na mBunscoil about after school sporting events.

Sixth class will be the next class to go swimming.

We have started work to renew our active flag. Many thanks to the Active team for their ongoing work. Tomorrow we will have a skeleton scurry and Hallowe'en themed stations in the yard.

IT

We received our plaque of Excellence for Science and Maths for 2020/2021 and it is now hanging proudly in the corridor.

The Senior Classes are working away at their Minecraft.

This week is Maths week and there are many activities taking place. Thanks to our Maths team for collating all the activities. The notice boards in the hall are filling up with all the great work.

Curricular

PLEASE NOTE:

A half day school closure has been sanctioned for term one in all schools to engage with a webinar to support the implementation of the Primary Language Curriculum.

We will be taking this half day on Friday 3rd December.

SAFETY

Now that the mornings are darker could parents please ensure that children who are cycling to school are wearing high-vis. jackets and that they have lights on their bicycles.

Uniform

We don't expect to see the Summer uniform again until after Easter!

Children should wear their school uniform from after mid- term and only wear their tracksuit on PE days. Children know when their PE is scheduled. Uniform is pinafore/kilt with grey blouse, wine tie and wine cardigan for girls from first to sixth class, and grey trousers, wine jumper, grey shirt and wine tie for boys from first – sixth class.

Infants wear full tracksuit daily.

Children should bring coats to wear in the yard.

National Tree Day

We thank the Cathaoirleach of DLR, Lettie McCarthy, who arranged for the planting of a tree in our yard for National Tree Day.

Garda Visit

We were delighted to welcome our local community Gardai who visited the classes and spoke with the children about Halloween safety yesterday.

Parents' Association

We welcome Lisa Smith as the chair of the P.A. and wish her well in her new role. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be class reps. We still need a rep. for 5th class if anyone would volunteer please.

Vacancy on the Board of Management

We have received two nominations for the vacant position on the Board of Management and ballot papers will be issued to each family for the election after the midterm break.

REMINDER

Applications for places for the 2022/2023 academic year close on 29th October.

Please remember that all school policies are available to view on the school website.

I hope you all have an enjoyable midterm break.

Stay Safe,

Brenda Carson (Príomhoide)