

Presentation P.S. Info Update Nov' 2016



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Principal's Notes

Everyone is welcome back after the Halloween Break and we are lucky the dry weather in general seems to be lasting! The school is a hive of action at the moment as we prepare for Nano Nagle Day which is on this Monday November 21st. We will have a celebration in the hall at 1.30pm for classes.

We have some very exciting news as we are delighted to announce that Ms. Mairéad Terry has been appointed as Deputy Principal and will begin in her new role on Monday too! So it will be a very busy day ahead.

Vaccinations start for infants on Monday and all documents have been sent out to parents.

Have a lovely weekend .C. Ruane.



Our Ipad's Have Arrived!!

We are delighted to say that the Ipad's have arrived and they will be in use in classrooms next week. We had staff training from Apple last week on how best to use them in school for the pupils benefit. Thanks for the support from the school Board of Management and our parents to make this happen ☺

Halloween Fundraising

FUNDRAISER

We had an amazing response from our school community to our Halloween Fundraising. We raised a whopping €5,600 which was a huge amount. Our 5th and 6th class brought in fantastic cakes and treats for the sale so thanks to their parents for assisting there. We had a great raffle and 'George' went home with one of our lucky pupils. Also I would like to thank individuals for their donations it was really appreciated. We even had two local businesses who sent in donations, with Clown Around even donating the total cost of one of the Ipad's, which was so generous and also to Portarlington Credit Union for their cheque.



Football Final Day

What a day we had in O'Moore Park in October for the Girls' Football Finals. We were delighted to have two teams to reach the final which is a fantastic achievement. Since September the players had been training and it obviously paid off. I just want to thank the teachers involved in preparing the teams who were Ms. O'Connell, Ms. Malone, Ms. Gleeson, Ms. Kirwan and Ms. Kelly. Without their efforts it would not be possible to have teams entered. On the day we were unfortunate not to win both finals, huge congratulations to our winning team!!! All the players played extremely well and made our school extremely proud. We topped off the day by going to McDonalds to celebrate.



Raffle

We had a lovely raffle on the last day before the Halloween Break where all our prizes found great homes and we really appreciate all the tickets that were bought, all for a great cause!



Parent Information

TRAFFIC – The safety of our pupils is the main concern here in school. Can parents please stick to the rules of how we manage our traffic flow so that traffic runs as smooth as possible for drop off & collection.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS – The timetable for Christmas plays will be out next week as I know many parents want to book it in to their calendar.

Parents Council – We had a fantastic turn out for the AGM and thanks to everyone who turned up to get involved. The Parents Council is meeting on Monday Night to get their plans together for the Christmas festivities.

Going Home early – We ask that parents try to as much as possible leave their children in school for the full day as time missed is time missed from their education!

New Staff

We are delighted to have a number of new staff here in the Presentation. Ms. Boland has started maternity leave after the birth of her beautiful son. Ms. Dolan is now covering her leave. Mr. Browne started teaching 4th class on November 7th and has received a great welcome. Ms. Bennett started in the Nano Nagle pre-school before the break and is a great addition to the team. Ms. Coen has begun working with the Special Education team and we welcome her to our school. We are extremely lucky to have such a dedicated staff!

Sports & Physical Activity

We went on a great 'Witches Walk' for Halloween which was a great success. The outfits were great and we got cheered on from all the people we passed.



We have athletic coaches in on Mondays working with 5th and 6th class. We hope to start soccer and camogie in the next week, we will keep you posted!



School Music



We have been fortunate to have the talented John Spillane visit twice over the last two weeks and work with a number of classes. Many thanks to Ms. Dunne for her ongoing organisation of school music.