



Presentation P.S. Newsletter

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Dear parents, we have had a very strange week with Hurricane Ophelia and unfortunately missing two days of school which no doubt caused some inconvenience. We are very busy here in school at this time of year settling all the pupils back in and getting new initiatives up and going. Thanks to our Learning Support Staff here we have started Aistear and Guided Reading sessions with junior, senior and one first class. We will be starting our new science programme next week and we have loads of great activities organised this week for National Maths Week. We have a busy last week of term with the Parents Council AGM and our Halloween Fundraiser. We are absolutely thrilled with our new summer facilities which are used every day and I have no doubt will create fantastic habits in our pupils. Our local sponsors have donated a staggering €8,500 euro which was amazing. We will close our doors for the Halloween Mid Term next Friday at our normal school closing time. Slán

Cathal Ruane



Do you want an opportunity to get more involved with our school?

Have you a couple of free nights during the school year?

Do you want to plan activities to help your child and all our pupils?

Why not come to the Parents Council AGM that is being held in the school next **Tuesday October 24th at 8.00pm**. You can get fully involved or just volunteer your time for some of the great activities that take place during the year. We hope to see you there!

Parent Teacher Meetings

We have changed our date for the Parent Teachers Meetings to November following discussions between our Parents Council and staff. This year the meetings will take place on;

Wednesday & Thursday,
November 22nd and 23rd

Your child's teacher will be in touch to fix at time that suits you nearer the date.

HALLOWEEN FUNDRAISER



New Physical Activity Facilities

We hope your child is really enjoying the new running track and playground! When the new grass seeds have rooted in we will have a fantastic new sports pitch at the back of the school. We are having our first fundraiser next week on Thursday October 26th in aid of these new facilities! On the day we are having cakes sales, fancy dress, witches walk and a raffle. We would really appreciate any support that you can give, every penny will go directly to these facilities. We will have the grand opening of the pitch very shortly and we will keep you informed to when that will be happening.



School Sports

We are extremely busy with football training and matches at the moment! We have two super teams playing in the leagues. Our Division 1 team have a huge match tomorrow when the Play Holy Family in the semi-final. All support greatly appreciated in Rathleague for the game at 10.30am.

Our second team has been burning up the league and are unbeaten so far which is a great achievement! Hopefully we can look forward to one or hopefully both teams in the finals.

I would like to thank the teachers who volunteer their time and expertise in preparing these teams – Ms. O’Connell, Ms. Malone, Ms. Kirwan, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Browne.

Mr. Booth is starting coaching our athletic team next week who will be competing at an event in Athlone in November. Spikeball and camogie will be starting up again after the mid-term break! All girls welcome to try out 😊

Parent Information

Christmas Concerts – The timetable for this year’s Christmas Concerts will be available straight after the mid-term.

Uniforms – We try to be fair to all our students in respect to uniform and footwear. We ask pupils to wear black shoes and a tie with the formal uniform and the school PE tracksuit on days that your child has PE.

Maths Week – This week is National Maths Week in Ireland and they have a dedicated website www.mathsweek.ie with loads of great information and games. We have a huge amount of activities going on in school for it too and there is a competition on our website www.presprimary.ie in the pupils tab so please try and solve the problem with your daughter? Many thanks to Ms. Byrne for organising a host of fun activities.

Food Dudes –A huge thanks to Ms. Marum, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Maguire for organising and managing the Food Dudes programme that is currently taking place in school, the children are really enjoying the fruit and vegetables!

School Choir – Choir practice has started up again for the sacraments later in the year with thanks to Ms. Dunne taking the girls during lunch time.

STOP BULLYING

STAND UP. SPEAK OUT.

We are, as always, promoting friendship and kindness in school. Lately we have seen a spike in cyber activity which is extremely worrying. I would ask you to, if you allow your child on apps such as Instagram, musically and snapchat to monitor your child’s activity and speak to about correct behaviour.

To assist you to understand more about these apps and dangers that exist online we have a company Zeeko visiting our school in January for pupil sessions and a parent talk on the evening of the Jan 16th which we invite you to attend.

Science Development

This year the school is aiming to develop science. We currently have five entries sent in for the Young Scientist Competition in the RDS in January. Before the mid-term your child will have completed the first of their investigations for the year! Ms. Dunbar has put together a super list of investigations for our pupils to carry out during the year.