



October 2021 (Available on website, read it in colour)

Dear parents and children,

This has been a busy half term for us all here at school. The children are well settled now and deserve a good rest as do we all. School closed today Friday the 22nd for half term. We open again on Monday the 1st of November.

The children are a credit to you with their lovely healthy lunches. Thank you for your co-operation in this respect. It is wonderful to see the children eating lovely sandwiches and fresh fruit. Keep up the good work.

The Gardaí gave a safety at Halloween talk to 5th and 6th class. I hope all the children stay safe this Halloween and avoid fire works.

Today the children dressed up and went on their spooky sponsored walk around the village. It was great fun and thank you for your generosity, it is always appreciated.



Please note that there are only 2 starting times and 2 finishing times for after the Halloween break. This is to maximise teaching time. Group 1 9.10 and 2.50 have surnames starting with A-L. Group 2 9.20 and 3 pm with surnames M-Z. Infant classes will remain the same.



Oíche Shamhna Shona daoibh go léir.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term. Thank you for your continued support and well done to the staff and children for keeping to the covid protocols and procedures.

Ms M Murphy

Board of Management

The BOM met on Monday the 18th of October. Child protection and antibullying were discussed. The oversight report was presented to the BOM. The visual arts plan, the music plan and the school uniform policy were ratified by the BOM. The checklist for policies and plans in relation to school self evaluation was completed. The BOM agreed to reduce the staggered starting and finishing times to two. Unfortunately there is no further update on the progress of the roof replacement project or the roof project. The Board has written a letter in relation to this for the attention of Ministers Norma Foley and Darragh O' Brien. Our next Board meeting is on the 6th of December.



Thank you to the Parent Association for a cheque for €3700 which was money raised last year. Thank you for your generosity.

There was a good turnout for the Parent Association AGM on Monday the 11th of October. Fiona Forman author of the Weaving Well Being Programme gave an informative talk on "Raising Resilient Children", a positive approach. There were many good tips. The information was e-mailed to all parents. The Association is always looking for new members so please get in touch if you are interested.

All the children were given treats today supplied by the parent association. Thank you.



Christmas Card fund raiser

The children had great fun when they each got to design their own Christmas card. Families will be able to order Christmas cards of their own child's design for this year's card writing.

Marathon Kids and the Daily Mile

Marathon kids training and the Daily Mile is ongoing. The pupils are getting fitter and fitter.

Yellow Flag/Student Council:

A meeting will be held after the Halloween break. Welcome to Kathleen Murphy who has joined the committee. Mr. Callaghan and Ms. O' Neill took part in training this week. The children in 5th and 6th took part in a Show Racism the Red Card workshop. The facilitators really got the children thinking!

Green Flag:

Ms O Mahony and her committee (her class!) will begin to promote walking, cycling or scootering to school each Wednesday after Halloween. A reminder message will be sent each Tuesday. Please try to allow your children to walk, cycle or scooter. It is so good for them and for the environment. 6th class went on a beach visit to investigate the types of litter found on the beach. They walked all the way there and back. Well done!

Maths Week 2021

Mr Caffrey gave classes lots of ideas for maths week and it was great to see the children having fun and doing maths at the same time.



2d Halloween Shape Art

Lollipop Puzzle



Maths trails learning about maths in our environment.



Maths on the beach! Engineering the design, using shapes and analysing time pressure with the ever approaching tide!



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