

Newsletter

On Friday October 23rd, the children can dress up in their Halloween costumes to mark Halloween and the fact that we are half way through Term 1.



It has been a very busy few weeks. According to the teachers, the children are working very hard and as the saying goes... 'Tús Maith Leath na hOibre' (a good start is half the work!).

As well as class work and homework, many of our children have been doing projects to reinforce what they have learned in class.



I am delighted to see so many children making such a good effort with their uniform, homework, healthy lunches and no packaging.

Here is a flavour of some extra activities that have happened in the last few weeks:

- We had a lovely prayer service to mark the opening of the school year with Fr. Carl.
- Our 5th classes are busy preparing for the Intel Mini-Scientist Competition.
- Parent evenings were held for classes from Junior Infants to 2nd class.
- We had a very successful fire drill in September.
- Junior and Senior Infants are doing English through 'station teaching' every morning.
- Claire Crowley did two excellent workshops on cyber bullying with our 5th and 6th classes.
- The PTA held a coffee morning on September 11th which was very well attended.
- Junior Infants had their photos, their immunisations and their vision screening done.
- 5th class also had vision screening done.
- On October 1st, the Defence Forces delivered the Irish Flag and a copy of the Proclamation to the school to celebrate the centenary of the 1916 Rising. The children learned lots of information about 1916 in advance of this.
- Paired Reading has started in 1st and 2nd classes. Many thanks to the volunteers involved.
- 4th classes were involved in designing and making houses to link with SESE.
- 3rd class have begun learning the recorder with Mr Gaskin this year.
- We had a very colourful 'Jersey Day' on October 9th.

- There has been a great turn out at the after school activities this year.
- The children in room 4 went on a trip to the playground and had a lovely picnic.
- The children in room 3 have settled in well after the Summer, are doing lots of work and have been on many nature walks practising the Safe Cross Code.
- There was an information evening on the 14th October for children making their First Communion.

The following are due to happen before Halloween:

- This week the PTA are taking photographs of the children for the Calendar which will be on sale at the Book Fair on 5th and 6th of November.
- There will be a clothes recycling day on Thursday 15th October.
- A storyteller from Leixlip Library will visit 1st classes on Thursday 15th November.
- The Audiologist will be doing hearing screening on October 19th with Senior Infants.
- 6th class are going to a storytelling workshop in Leixlip Library on the 16th October and to the Musical 'Calamity Jane' in Coláiste Chiaráin on Tuesday 20th October.

Dates for your Diary

- Book Fair November 5th and 6th. 
- Information evening on November 3rd at 7.30pm for children making their Confirmation this year.
- Parent Teacher Meetings – Monday 16th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 26th November.
- Christmas Fair - 29th November.
- Open Day - Friday 18th December.
- Carol Service - Tuesday 22nd December at 10.15am in the hall.

We ask children in our 12 mainstream classes not to bring nuts or anything with nut traces to school (eg peanut butter/ chocolate spread) as we have children in our school who are allergic to nuts.

If you intend going on a school tour please call to the office for a Garda Vetting Form

Enjoy the mid-term break!

Nora Mescal and staff.



