

Many thanks to the
parents who volunteered
for paired reading.



Scoil Mhuire

Halloween Newsletter

October 2019



Many students and staff wore their favourite jersey to school on Oct 11th for **Jersey Day**. We raised an amazing €497.80 for GOAL.

Coach Michael has been working with 3rd to 6th class this term. He has been focusing on hurling and camogie skills. Next term he will be working with 1st and 2nd class. All of the classes are really enjoying these training sessions!

The school celebrated **Maths Week** from the 14th to 18th Oct. There were lots of different maths events and activities occurring throughout the school. On Monday the students had to use their estimation skills. While on Tuesday they had to answer a survey question about their favourite bar, fruit, hobby or colour. Wednesday had everyone out throwing a bean bag or javelin in the yard. The winner threw it the longest distance. On Thursday the school was in a tizzy trying to solve the Tangram puzzle. On Friday some classes explored tessellation pictures. Probably the most exciting element of all was the 'Maths is Everywhere' photo competition. Everyone who sent in a photo got their name in the raffle. Make sure to check out these pictures on our school website. Thank you to Ms. Dowling for organising these events.



The **Green Schools** committee members for this year are Sara Power, Isabelle Fanning, Rhia O'Hagan, Alexia Cojocar, Harry Dunne, Chloe Carey, Aleksa Ponomarfova, Patrick Flynn, Renee Power, Harry McCandliss, Clara Pinner, Lisa-Marie Flynn, Adhvik Bollagani, Allegra Coffey, Molly O'Hagan and Seán Fleming. The school is currently working towards their 8th Green Flag - Global Citizenship Marine Environment. Ms. Dowling and the students on the Green School Committee will be conducting an Environmental Review and survey in the school after Mid-Term.

A new **Student Council** has been elected. They include Tara Mooney – Chairperson, Paddy Carroll – Vice Chairperson, Marie Therese Sidibe – Secretary, Darragh Byrne – Treasurer, 6th Class – Luke Kelly & Doireann Dunne, 5th Class – Aoibhe Kelly & Ailbhe Mooney, 4th Class – Dylan Hannaford & Daniel May and 3rd Class – Cillian O'Hagan & Chloe Szabo. We wish them the very best with the year ahead. They have already been very busy. They meet every second Thursday at lunchtime. They have requested new nets from the GAA for the goal posts for lunchtime & after school matches. We are very grateful to the GAA. These will benefit all three schools. They continue to offer games in the yard for both junior and senior students – chess, table tennis, connect 4 and junior games. The Cara sa Chlós rota has begun, to ensure everyone has a friend to play with in the junior yard.

Well done to everyone for
their hard work and good
behaviour during the first
term. Keep it up! Enjoy
the Mid-Term break!
Mrs. Mescal and
Ms. O'Mara

Sixth class had their **Commitment Mass** on the 19th of October, committing to fully participating in the Confirmation programme to become full members of the church. Many thanks to Ms. O'Mara for preparing the class for this mass.

Congratulations to Aisling Cleary who was recently appointed as an Assistant Principal II in our school.

A number of representatives from 5th & 6th Class will attend a **Soccer Blitz** in the Amenities on the 24th of October organised by Leixlip United.

The GAA are running **hurling** for 5th and 6th class boys in the GAA on Thursdays 3.15 to 3.45.

Rainbows Ireland is a free peer group support service that provides support for children from the age of 7 and in 1st class, who may be experiencing a loss as a result of bereavement, parental separation or divorce. Rainbows provides group support for children of a similar age and loss experience. Meeting others in a similar situation can be very supportive for children. The programme has a long tradition in Leixlip. Approximately 3,000 children attend a Rainbows programme each year nationally. Rainbows is not a counselling group or professional therapy. The Rainbows programme will start in Leixlip on Monday 20th January, 2020 from 6.30pm to 7.30pm every Monday for nine weeks in Scoil Bhride, Leixlip. If you would like your child to attend the programme please contact the Rainbows Co-ordinator Maeve O'Connor on 087 391 4373 or email maeverainbows@gmail.com. If you would like to know more about the Rainbows service you can visit their website on www.rainbowsireland.ie.



Highlights from Each Class

Ms. O'Grady's Junior Infants have really settled in so well! They have been doing the theme of 'Fancy Dress Shop' in Aistear. They have been trying on all the costumes. They learned all about primary and secondary colours and painted some colourful fish.

Ms. Hanafin's Senior Infants have done a lot of work on patterns in maths. They have visited the school garden a couple of times to explore the different plants and flowers that are growing. They have learned lots of Irish and English songs and poems.

Ms. Doyle's Senior Infants have done lots of work on the number 6 and have played number games with the counting stick. They learned all about living and non-living things in the environment. They have been doing the theme of 'School' in Aistear.

Ms. Lenfestey's 1st Class have started Paired Reading. They made brilliant agamographs in art. They learned about 'The Children of Lir' in history. They loved doing gymnastics in PE.

Ms. Haughney's 1st Class have made up lots of stories and now are writing them into their hardbacks. They made fabulous 'Where in the World' flip books to show where Leixlip is. They learned about the fox and created a fact file.

Ms. Doyle's 2nd Class also started Paired Reading. They have learned all about trees and went on a tree walk around the school. Gymnastics in PE was lots of fun. They picked their pumpkins from the garden and raffled them to be carved at home.

Ms. Hughes' 3rd Class started the recorder this year and are enjoying learning how to play new songs. They have also been experimenting and making spooky sounds on the recorder. In art they have been learning all about Kandinsky.

Ms. McCormack's 4th Class have explored homes in the past. They have completed projects at home where they designed and built a house from the past. They learned about County Kerry. They are writing scary stories in narrative writing.

Ms. McBrearty's 4th Class have also completed homes projects. They created portraits of Irish rugby players taking part in the World Cup. They are doing a 'Tour of Europe' challenge where they have to run laps as many days as possible during the week.

Ms. Cleary's 5th Class have been working hard on their Intel Mini-Scientist projects. In writing they have looked at the genre of narrative writing. They had great fun listening to their superhero and Halloween stories being read aloud.

Ms. Munroe's 5th Class have also been working extremely hard on preparing their Intel Mini-Scientist projects. They created autumn trees in art, exploring cool and warm colours. They have learned how to do long division for the first time!

Ms. O'Mara's 6th Class attended Coláiste Chiaráin's play 'Oliver Twist.' They explored STEM challenges – building the highest straw tower and stacking plastic cups without using hands.

Ms. Campbell and Ms. McCarthy's class have learnt all about Japan and the teams playing in the Rugby World Cup. They went on an autumn walk to the woods. They even completed lots of lovely autumn art.

Ms. Irwin's class baked cookies and made delicious pizzas. They learned some lovely Halloween songs. They got the bus to Maynooth and went to the playground. They had great fun!

Upcoming Dates:

Oct 25 th	Halloween Dress-Up Day
Oct 28 th – Nov 1 st	School Closed: Mid-term Break
Nov 4 th	School Reopens
Nov 12 th	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Nov 13 th	Junior Infant Immunisations
Nov 14 th	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Nov 16 th	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass at 6pm
Nov 20 th	Parent-Teacher Meetings
Nov 25 th	School Closed for children: Staff In-service
Dec 13 th	Open Day
Dec 20 th	Half Day – Christmas Holidays

