

News and Updates from the Principal

Nov 12th 2020



Dear parents/guardians,

We are all well settled back to school life again after our midterm break. It is wonderful to still see so many children walking and cycling to school daily. This is so good for their wellbeing and a great start to the day for everyone. Please be mindful of cyclists and pedestrians on our approach avenue each day.

As you will have read in my recent email we have deferred our Parent -Teacher meetings to February. We will contact you well ahead of time with details of the format and schedule for these meetings.

It is Science Week this week and we have been involved in many Science activities across the school. There are also great Science ideas for you to try at home. The annual Galway Science and Technology Festival which usually takes place at NUIG will be available virtually on Sunday next, November 22nd. The event is free and families can register [here](#). It's well worth a visit.

Next week, we will transform into Book Worms! Throughout the school, we are making plans to engage more with Books and share our enjoyment of reading. Some will dress up as their favourite characters, classes will video link and share their love of Reading with other classes. We encourage you to do something special to mark Book Week at home too. Look back at an old book your child once loved, talk about your favourite book when you were young. Children could phone/connect with older relatives and ask them about a book they read when in school. We will share some more ideas on the Class Seesaw.

We look forward to seeing some of the children's ideas and hope that you will all enjoy the Science Week and Book Week activities.

Noreen Healy
Principal

Dates for your Dairy:

- **Science Week - November 9th to 20th**
- **World Kindness Day - November 13th**
- **Book Week - November 16th to 20th**

Halloween dress up for Temple Street Hospital - well done to everyone!



Galway Giving Tree Once again this Christmas, we will participate in The Galway Giving Tree (www.galwaygivingtree.org) project. The Galway Giving Tree was founded by and is run on a volunteer basis, by Florinda Green, one of our parents. The Galway Giving Tree partners with local social service agencies to gather the Christmas 'wishes' of children and adults in need here in Galway City. We will send you a link on how to participate in our next newsletter.

Is your child starting Junior Infants?

The enrolment process for Junior Infants 2021/22 has begun. If you have a son/daughter starting Junior Infants in September 2021 and you haven't yet done so, please fill in an [Application Form](#) on our school's website.

World Kindness Day November 13th

Check out this link for some ideas to mark [World Kindness Day](#)

- Make Kindness the Norm
- Make someone smile
- Include Random Acts of Kindness, Laughter and Delight in your daily routine

Science Week

Science Week: The children have been enjoying many Science Week activities at school. Please check the class pages and tweets on our school website, www.knocknacarrans.ie.



Outdoor classroom Day - Nov 5th

On November 5th - Every class went outdoors for some of their learning. Check out our Class Pages on the website for more photos. We joined with many schools across the world who celebrated [Outdoor Classroom Day](#)



Traffic message

We appeal to parents/guardians, not to block driveways of houses along Clybaun Road and neighbouring areas, as you drop off and collect your child to school, particularly on wet days.

For your Information;

While these activities are not school related, we are passing along, for your information, the following:

- [Virtual Rudolph Run](#)
- Galway Science and Technology Festival to register your interest [Galway Science](#)