

News and Updates from the Principal

Oct 22nd 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

We have reached our midterm break after what has been a very different 8 weeks of school in many ways. However, as you will be aware, the children have enjoyed being back at school and are happily re-engaged with learning. For them, most aspects of school life are not all that different.

A very positive atmosphere continues throughout the school and although we've been through some challenging times over this past while, we are strengthened by the great support within our school community.

I wish to sincerely acknowledge the huge commitment of our school staff who have shown such dedication to the children. Each day they ensure that school life is stimulating and enjoyable and that every child is happy and safe in our school.

Our school community is so appreciative of the many parent volunteers who have helped out through stewarding at the school gates. Our thanks also to the PA who have decorated our school grounds to add to the atmosphere for tomorrow's Halloween celebrations.

I wish everyone a well deserved break next week and we look forward to seeing everyone again on November 2nd.

Meanwhile, keep safe and keep well.

Noreen Healy
Principal

Goal Jersey Day

Well done to all the children who wore all the colorful jerseys on Friday. We have raised €453 to date. A big thank you to the Parents Association for organising this fundraiser this year.



Dates for your Dairy;

Charity Fundraisers

- **Halloween - Dress up for Temple Street - Friday, Oct 23rd**

Each year our Halloween event is a fundraiser for Temple Street. The one difference this year is that we will not host the Halloween Parades. However, the children will have fun with the theme in their own class and we will upload photos for you to see on our school's website.

We ask please that there are no masks or "scary Clown" costumes, as they frighten many of the children. Also, please ensure that children do not have extra accessories, such as swords, broomsticks, etc that could cause accidents/injury.

Our PA have sent an email with a link for donations to Temple Street. If you wish to use our School's name on the donation we will get a sense of our total donation as a school community.

- **Mid Term Break** - October 26th to 30th
- **Outdoor Classroom Day**
Thursday 5th November, more info to follow
- **Science week November 9th to 13th**
- **Book Week - November 16th to 20th**

Covid 19 - Remote Learning Response

It is helpful to communicate here, how the school and the HSE coordinate in response to confirmed cases or outbreaks of Covid-19 in the community, or in a school. Such a situation is the responsibility of and will be led and managed by Public Health HSE. All decisions as to appropriate actions following a confirmed case or outbreak, will be made by their teams in the context of a full Public Health Risk Assessment procedure. Any actions to be taken by the school will be communicated directly by Public Health HSE. School management will be informed as and when such actions, such as exclusion of children or staff; partial or full closure, are deemed necessary on public health grounds. The school will now also be informed, if such action has not been deemed necessary by Public Health.

In our school, in the event that children have to self-isolate or restrict their movements for 14 days and remain at home, class teachers continue to support the children remotely. We do this primarily through the Seesaw App which you are all aware of and familiar with, by now. Feedback on work completed is provided by Class Teachers and a Support Teacher, so that each child is getting regular and consistent feedback on their learning. Each week we also organise a live link with the student and their class via Zoom. In the event that a class group needs to remain at home, we have a similar plan in place for regular interaction through Seesaw and a live interaction via Zoom.

In the event of a Covid 19 related absence we now issue the Parental Declaration form via Aladdin for you to complete on your child's return to school.

Reminder Notice

- All visitors to the school office, including parents must phone the school office on 573027 to arrange a visit or appointment.
- Face Coverings must be worn.

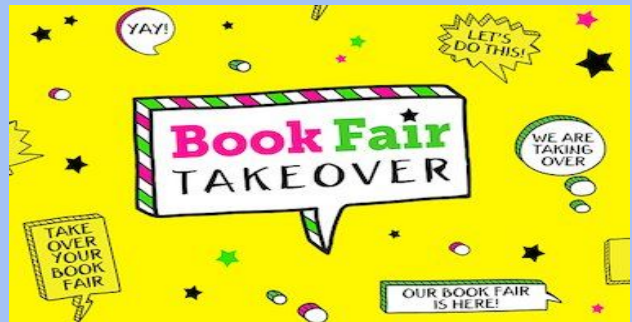
Maths Week



Classes went on Maths Trails in the school grounds during Maths Week

Book Week Nov 16-20th 2020

While we will not host a Book Fair for sales, this year, we will still be celebrating Book Week at the school. We will have lots of fun activities with books and reading during the week



Staff News; Congratulations

Congratulations to Ciarán Murray and Evanne who got married recently.

For your Information;

While this is not a school based fundraiser, we are passing along a link which some parents and friends have organised for Holly, one of our students in Second Class;

[Fundraiser for Holly](#)

We wish Holly well for the continued success of her treatment and full recovery from everyone in the school community