

Scoil Bhride Hallowe'en 2023



Greetings all and welcome to our Spooky Hallowe'en Newsletter 2023

Junior Infant News



Junior Infants have had a very fun October. This month we learned all about the season of Autumn. We went on an Autumn walk down the town and spotted all the different signs of Autumn such as changing leaves and falling conkers.

We also took part in Maths week. The 6th class pupils helped us play Maths

We also used our Maths skills to make rockets out of 2D shapes. It was hard work but we concentrated so hard and our teachers were so impressed.



We were all very sad to say goodbye to Ms. O' Sullivan. She's moved school and is going to be an inspector for

teachers that are training. However, we are so excited to welcome Ms Kearney to the Junior Infant team.

Senior Infant News

Senior infants have been very busy in September and October settling back into school. We have had lots of fun during Aistear, exploring the topics of the doctor's surgery and school. We have been searching for lots of signs of Autumn in our environment and have enjoyed learning about creatures like hedgehogs and bats. One of our favourite weekly activities is visiting the library. We love exploring all of the books! We have really enjoyed maths week and we loved going to games in the hall with 6th class. We have been working very hard in senior infants and we are looking forward to some well-deserved Halloween fun!!



First Class News

First class have really enjoyed their first term at school. The children have been working extremely hard learning all about recount writing, predicting, autumn, and the different types of homes. They've been practising their spellings, their writing and their reading and have been making excellent progress. They've also been kept very busy with lots of fun activities this autumn. They participated in maths games throughout maths week. They particularly enjoyed the games in the hall. 1st class were thrilled to be invited to the coin workshop hosted by Ms Buckley and Mc Carthy. They were so interested to learn about coins from all over the world. 1st class have been busy preparing for Halloween. They've learned poems, songs and completed lots of creepy, cool artwork.





2nd Class News

2nd class have been very busy settling into our new classroom upstairs! We have been learning about Autumn and we went on a walk down to the local park where we spotted all the changes that are happening in our local environment during Autumn. We have worked on our Recount Writing over the last few weeks and the children have really enjoyed writing about their fantastic summer holidays. We also had football sessions with Kelly and were very lucky that we got all the nice weather for it! We have also been very busy learning how to write in cursive and we are very excited about it! We celebrated Maths week last week where we looked at patterns, completed maths trails and maths puzzles with the IZAK9 cubes. We played a number of fun maths games, with the help of Ms Christian's 5th class. It has been a fantastic first term and we are looking forward to the rest of the year!!



Ross and Niamh's class

We have had a very busy and enjoyable term here in Ross and Niamh's class. We have been baking cakes, cooking delicious pizzas and learning all about Autumn. We are so lucky once again to be learning a new dance routine with Ann Malone and we even got to perform some of our dances to the whole school at assembly.

Niamh's class made wonderful connections with Ms Phelan and Ms Power's Senior Infant class during well-being week. It was a fantastic experience for all the children when the senior infants came down to our class.



Choir News

We are very lucky to have a big choir again this year full of very dedicated and enthusiastic members. We have over 100 children and 3 great dj's! They give up their break times often for practice. We are very busy preparing for our Christmas concert with our choir and musicians which will be on the evening of Thursday December 7th. Tickets sold on the night will be used for our raffle. All proceeds go back into our choir. We have choir t shirts this year thanks to last year's raffle. We would like to raise funds now for better lighting and a bigger stage. Stay tuned to your emails for details of the concert. And thank you to our talented choir! Lena Moynihan, Ross Maguire, Maeve Collier, Ashling Brady and Dympna Salmon (choir teachers)



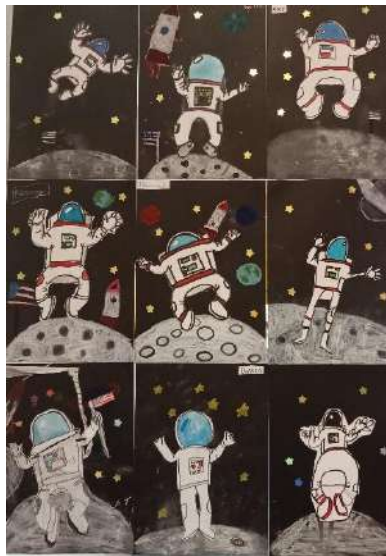
3rd class news.

Greetings from 3rd class. We have had a very busy first term settling into a new school year. During National Hedgerow week we were very lucky to have a session with Dr. Paddy Madden from the Heritage Council. Paddy escorted us to the Rowan Walk in Kill village. Here he taught us how to identify the elements of a hedgerow and how such a hedgerow has many benefits for plant and animal life in our community and for the environment. We can now identify the layers of a hedgerow as well as the leaves from the ginkgo, beech and hawthorn tree.



We have been learning about space over the past couple of weeks. We have investigated the work of astronauts on board the ISS. We wrote recount pieces as if we were astronauts ourselves. On Friday 7th October we took part in a virtual event for Space

Week with the Dream Space Team. Here we heard more about space. We also began to learn about coding like an astronaut would. It was quite a challenge but enjoyable.



Green-Schools

Well done to everyone who took part in our Halloween Witches' Walk. It was fang-tastic to see so many walking to school. Well done! Check out the monitor outside the first aid room to see pictures/ videos of the walk.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in our battery collection, especially to Cara and her mum for all the batteries that they collected. Unfortunately, we weren't successful this time around. We will be entering the competition again in the new year so please continue to recycle your batteries with our school.



Sadly, our litter pickers aren't very happy with the amount of litter that has accumulated in the bike rack area again this year. We will be keeping a very eye on this area after the midterm break. We have also been very busy weeding our garden beds and planting winter flowers every morning before school. We will continue to work on the garden during the year.



Finally, remember and share our green code for our 7th Green-Schools flag: Global Citizenship Energy.

“Turn off the light, help make our future bright”.

Happy Hallowe'en,

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4th Class News

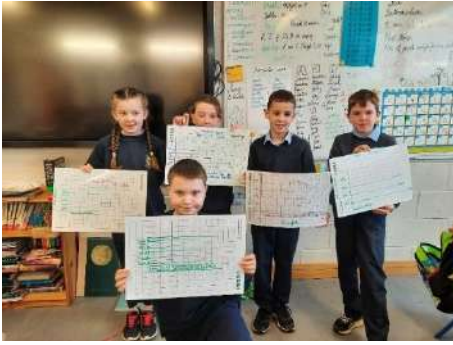
We are in 4th Class now and we are settling in well. The work is new and quite difficult, but that's ok, because we like a challenge!

On National Tree day (5th October) we received our hazel tree sapling in the post. We planted it along with the hazel trees Mr. Carty, Ms. Reynolds, and Ms. Jameson's classes got. We planted them near where the builders cut down a big old tree. Hazels are native Irish trees.

During Maths week, we did maths games on the astro with Ms. Christian's 5th Class and Ms. Wright's 2nd Class. It was great fun, and we learned a lot. We also did a group game called Cloakroom Chaos and Place Value Race. We made bar line charts to show Data. We loved the money display and guessing how much the shredded money block was worth.

We are really looking forward to Halloween, especially the school disco and the Witches' Walk.





5th Class Newsletter

We have had a great half term in 5th Class. Throughout the term, we have been busy learning about recount writing and beginning on report writing. We created biographies on family members and famous people. We loved finding out what life was like when they were growing up.

We learned about history in the 1960's and really enjoyed learning more about the Beatles. We completed projects in groups as well as researching and finding out about our family crests.

Maths week was a great success and we loved helping with the younger classes. We took part in the IZAK 9 challenge and had lots of fun. Ms. Purcell and Ms. Glendon's class participated in the Dream Space webinars and created some cool coding images while Ms. Christian's class enjoyed swimming.

6th Class News

We have had a great half term in 6th Class. We are very excited about the year ahead. We have lots of responsibilities as the eldest children in the school. We have already been busy with the youngest children in the school, helping them with their Maths week activities. Maths Week was spread out over two weeks this month. We did lots of great learning activities. We loved using the IZAK 9 Maths games. We helped the younger children in the school on their Maths Trails. We took part in our own Maths trails as well. We did Maths investigation games in groups in our classes. We had great fun.

We also really enjoyed Wellbeing Week. We engaged in mindful moments along with the whole school. We had great fun, all of us together, taking part in active classes with Mr Gallagher as part of our Wellbeing Week. As we type this we are very excited for Halloween dress up day. We did lovely Halloween art and had fun decorating our classrooms. Happy Halloween everyone!



Pictures – Ms Moynihan's Class enjoying relaxation during Wellbeing Week. Mr Kelly's Class having fun helping Junior Infants during Maths Week. Ms Finnegan's Class looking very scary with their Halloween masks made during Art Class.



Sports News

Our Camogie girls were very unfortunate to lose out by the narrowest of margins to Ardclough in the recent U/11 Camogie Blitz. Kill played extremely well in all three matches and beat Straffan and Celbridge along the way. We are so lucky to have such good numbers and enthusiasm for Camogie in the school. Ms. Christian and Ms. Wright must be given a huge amount of thanks for all the hard work they have put in with the camogie girls since September. The Senior Hurlers played in a very competitive division and unfortunately did not have the success they deserved in relation to the effort that Mr. Kelly, Mr. Carty and all the boys put in every morning on the astro before school. Irrespective of their results, they have improved immeasurably since the beginning of year.

Last week we contested two county finals at U/11 level and the excitement around the school for the children was wonderful to witness. Ms. Purcell calmly guided the U/11 girls to our first county title at this level in years. On the day of the final, her inspirational words to the girls helped them produce a magnificent second half performance to defeat Rathangan in a very closely contested final. Our U/11 boys matched the achievements of our girls in defeating Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock in the boys U-11 final. They produced a tremendous display of their footballing talent to win comfortably in the end. Both panels had a huge number of players and every child played their part in the success of these teams.

I must also acknowledge the parents who give their time in the club every week and thank them for the immense contribution they make in the development of our young players. Today, as this newsletter goes to print we will be contesting two F.A.I. Kildare Division 1 Soccer Finals in the girls and boys competitions respectively. Ms. Dempsey has come on board with the basketball training and I wish her every success with the leagues commencing shortly. I must thank the G.A.A. Club and the Soccer Club who have been wonderful in giving us complete access to all their facilities. Finally, none of this success would be possible without the support of all the staff in the school and in particular to our Principal Mr. Kelleher who supports and encourages every year our participation in all these sporting competitions.



U-11 Girls County Champions



U-11 Boys County Champions

Senior Boys Soccer Finalists



Senior Girls Soccer Finalists



Benefits of Bilingualism.

Please [Click here](#) for BBC short Documentary about benefits of Bilingualism.

PLEASE remember traffic protocols within school grounds. The "Car Park" is a "Drop off zone" - **Set Down for student Drop off and Collection** (on school plans) and not actually supposed to be a car park! Please drop off and go.

Please **Reverse in** and **Drive out** and please do not block other motorists. The Wheelchair accessible carparking spots are only for use by those who need closer access to the school and are directly affected. Please honour this internationally agreed protocol.



If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are **NO IDLING ZONES !!**

We have school uniforms for a reason and now is as important as ever. Designer gear serves no child in a school.

Use of mobile phones in prohibited in school / school related events.

Keep going with the healthy lunches and well done!!

Please walk to school. If you are cycling, wear a helmet.

Until the council change the traffic management outside the school, motorists are to turn left upon exiting the grounds. This helps the traffic management within the school grounds and makes for safer and less frustrated motorists..

Single use plastic: Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

It is important to note that when the school is not open for pupils, it is out of bounds to the public. This means no access to the basketball court, All Weather Pitch or grounds in general. This applies to weekends and after school without specific permission of the Board of Management. It is trespassing to be on the premises without permission.

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan, all the contributors and Paula for helping with this newsletter.

Happy Hallowe'en everybody 😊

Brendan Kelleher and Staff and **see you all on Monday 6th November 2023**