

PRESENTATION GIRLS' SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER EDITION

CELEBRATION DAY

Friday 18th October was a day of celebration in our school as we held a big Flag Raising Ceremony and marked a number of special events. Firstly, our recently awarded Active School's Flag was raised by two members from the Active School Committee. This was presented to us to acknowledge the significant efforts of our pupils and staff to keep active. We also introduced our football and camogie teams who have been training since September and represented the school with pride at their recent matches. The school's student council members, pupils selected by their classmates, to represent their class, were also introduced to the school community. These girls will represent the school on various projects during the year. Finally, our Celebration Day marked the end of Friendship Fortnight where pupils and staff focussed on being Cineálta (kind) and taking time to show kindness and foster friendships. Many classes engaged in a wide variety of activities to support our Friendship and Cineáltas theme and this concluded with the raising of the Cineáltas Flag, by Elsa our youngest pupil and Klaudia our oldest pupil. We also shared the news that Norma Foley, Minister for Education, has awarded our school a Cineáltas Certificate to recognise "the contribution that Presentation Girls' School has made to promoting equality, inclusion, diversity and wellbeing".

IMPORTANT DATES

PA AGM 17TH NOV 8PM

21st Nov 5th class NANO NAGLE PLAY for parents at 11.30 am

CHRISTMAS PLAYS

Fri 13th Dec 11.30 am 1st Class

Mon 16th Dec 11.30 am 3rd Class

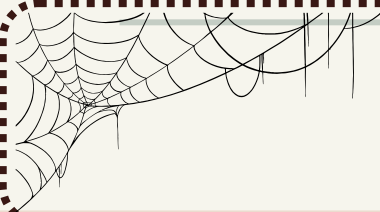
Tues 17th Dec 9.30 am Jun Inf

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Tues 17th Dec 12.45 pm Carol Service in Parish Church for parents of 2nd, 4th and 6th class

School Walk

Unfortunately due to a Met. Eireann storm warning, we were unable to proceed with the school walk on 29th September. However, classes managed to include the planned walk as part of the school day the following week. The amount raised this year was €12,005.50. Returned cards were entered into a draw and the winners of the Smyths vouchers were Mia Kate Gaffney and Cara Lloyd. Emmanuella Turcan won a book/stationery hamper. Many thanks to all those families who supported this fund-raising event. The funds raised will be used to purchase additional iPads, Chrome Books and Beebots.



Halloween disco party Fri 25th during school day

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday & Wednesday 12th & 13th November. To facilitate booking of appointments, a timetable of meeting slots will be made available to you on Aladdin before the end of the week. If parents require separate meeting slots, please let your daughter's teacher know and this can be accommodated. This is a great opportunity to meet your daughter's teacher, to support her learning and to work in partnership with the school. Junior Infant meetings will take place at the end of January 2025. Mr Flanagan's 5th class meetings will be scheduled for 3rd and 4th December. Appointment slots will be released 10 days in advance.

Camogie

Over the past few weeks, children in 4th, 5th, and 6th class have had the opportunity to participate in Camogie training. Our training sessions emphasise skill development, teamwork and enjoyment. The girls from 4th and 5th class recently took part in the Cumann na mBunscol League, competing against other school teams in the local area. Well done to the girls who represented our school so well in their matches.

under 11 Football

Well done to the Under 11 football team who made it to the Cumann na mBunscol semi final. The girls trained extremely hard since September but unfortunately lost to a strong Ballymany team. Well done girls!

Healthy Eating Week

Healthy Eating Week took place from September 16th to 20th. Classes discussed how eating well is good for our minds and our bodies, and the pupils took part in healthy eating challenges and activities in school and at home. They are now familiar with the foods that we should eat frequently, those we should eat occasionally and those that are 'treats'!

GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

A huge thanks and congratulations to our Green Schools Committee. The girls have had a busy couple of weeks planning for, and organising our Climate Action Week, which took place last week. This year, our school is applying for its 6th Flag: Global Citizenship, Litter and Waste. The purpose of Climate Action Week was to raise awareness about the actions we can take in our local community and as Global Citizens in order to slow down Climate Change. Events organised included our Battery Recycling Competition, our Walk on Wednesday competition and a Litter and Waste Assembly hosted by a representative from Thorntons Waste.

Our Parents Association organised a super Halloween Costume and Christmas Jumper Swap Shop, where pupils could trade their old costumes. This aims to highlight the importance of reducing our waste, re-using and recycling. On Friday, we raised awareness of our link with Irish Charity Crosscause, through our Wear a Jersey, Bring a Jersey Campaign. In November, the jerseys we collect will be shipped by Crosscause to Ghana, West Africa where they will be distributed in schools, along with a large pallet of unused schoolbooks, which our school is donating to the charity. The Green Schools Committee have shown great enthusiasm and support for these events and did a wonderful job promoting the events throughout the school.

How you can help us: Please continue to send in your wasted batteries as we will be continuing our battery campaign for the whole school year. Encourage your child to segregate her waste into the correct bin.

SCHOOL CHOIR

Our school has a long tradition of involvement in choral events.

The girls practise with Ms. Lohan, Ms. Quaine and Ms. Dunne each Monday. This year we have the return of the National Children's Choir. The first performance rehearsal will be on 4th December in preparation for a concert in the Spring.

Student Council

The new members of the student council for this year were introduced to all the pupils and staff on Friday. They have already had their first meeting and some interesting ideas were discussed. The girls are excited to represent their classes and the school in this new role.

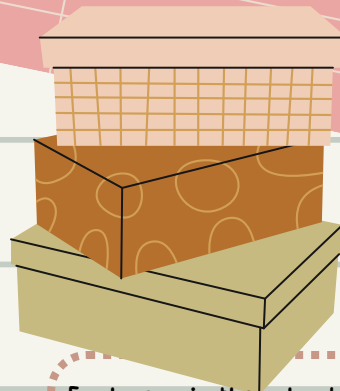
REMINDER

**MID TERM BREAK MON
28TH - FRI 1ST NOV**

This year we are broadening the "design a Christmas Card" project. When pupils have created their design it can be used for Christmas cards or for a bauble for your Christmas tree. This year you will receive a sample card with the order form printed on the reverse. The order form will have the two options and you can choose which items you wish to order.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



Each year in the school we send hundreds of shoeboxes filled with goodies to children less fortunate than ourselves. This year's deadline is Wednesday 6th November (just after mid term). The organisers have noted that there is usually a much smaller number of boxes donated for older children. Please consider this if your daughter wishes to contribute to the initiative this year. Information on what can (and what cannot) be enclosed in the boxes will be sent home with your child in the coming week. Many thanks for your continued support of this worthy charity.

