

## October

Dia daoibh go léir. Tá na laethanta ag dul in ngiorracht agus sinn ag tnúth leis an Samhain.

Fáilte to Kate, Vasilisa, Ihor, James, Karina, Emma, Mariia, Denys, Andrii, Mateusz & Martin who have joined across various classes. We are delighted to have local man Brendan Fitzgerald on board in a new maintenance role. Both the Office Administrator and Maintenance roles have been totally overhauled and we are delighted with how things are working out. Reminder that the office is unattended from 12.20 - 12.50pm each day. If you could organise calls/pickups/collection around these times that would be great.

We also welcome Eimear Roche who will be with us for the year and both Siobhán Murphy & Sarah Garnett who will be with us for extended periods of time.

### A bit of History



The 7<sup>th</sup> of October each year is the 'Feast of the Holy Rosary'. Anyone who has taken a closer look at the plaque on the wall on

the lower building will notice that the year 1952 is referenced. This has sparked a bit of debate. We had thought that the school opened on that day but local historian Sheila Clarke was able to clarify that this was actually the date the first stone was laid. This month the children have been bridging time back to the 1950s. Joe Kavanagh & Noel Carty made the walk up from the previous building down at the heritage centre on that 1<sup>st</sup> day. Joe & Noel took time to relive the day with us. We don't know what questions they were expecting. They received many but the most important info our infants wanted to know was 'Who was your best friend walking up that day?'



The group 'walk and talk' led by our Students Council, Ms. Boyce & Ms. O' Riordan stopped off at

the church to recreate a photograph of the time



The walk and talk reached the two original classrooms and a further photograph under the plaque



The children were very interested in the classroom layouts and yard sheds. Joe & Noel both agreed the brightness of the rooms, due to the tall windows, was their most vivid memory.

# eNuachtlir Deireadh Fómhair 2023



Our lookback culminates with some display in the hall on the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> of October. Thanks again to Mr. O' Malley. Ms. McWatt & Ms. G Byrne for collating all of this. Full report in next eNuachtlir.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Transition

The Principals of the Secondary Schools are visiting the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes. They are very impressed with the maturity of the questions and queries about what's ahead of the group this time next year.

## P/A AGM

Thanks to everyone who came to the Parents Association AGM. It is always good to have some new faces. A new committee has been formed led by Bridget Salley Bolger. A meeting to elect a BoM rep will take place on the Monday of our return after the Halloween Break at 8pm. A comprehensive calendar of activities is in place. Bridget has already been buried in the intensive work of coordinating the Christmas Cards. Given what they are is there is no margin for error here.

## December dates

1st: Festive Friday  
3rd: Christmas Fair 12.30pm  
8th: Centrepieces

We wish the team well ahead of what will be a very busy year.

## Policy Development

The BoM has undertaken its Annual Review of our Child Safeguarding Statement. The Board has also introduced a termly Supervision review. This is an ongoing effort to make sure that our systems are all working well and adjusting these if needs be.

## Student Council



The new Student Council under the guidance of Mr. Ffrench & Ms. Sugrue is in place. The group is smaller than last year but then last year's group retained some of the previous year's group and all it's experience to embed best practice. With so many pupil's voice groups now the Students Council has more of an overseeing role as against driving things day to day. This group is doing a great job with our 70<sup>th</sup> celebrations. It has nominated the Irish Motor Neurons Disease Association as it's first Non-Uniform Day. A very worthwhile cause, please support.



## Active Schools

While the Student Council filled the Active Schools Coordination Team void in September, this group is now in place. Priority is to get the Playground Leaders up and running. We are also evaluating where we stand in the Active School Flag process and continue this journey. After this it is updating our inventory of P.E. Equipment. The individual class sacks introduced during Covid times are now a thing of the past. Equipment is now stored centrally and monitors will be assigned to all classes to maintain the store safely.



Unfortunately, many of the Inter School Sports Activities have fallen victim to poor weather and



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are being rescheduled. Hopefully our Relay Marathon gets a good day.

### Green Schools

The group which led the way on all things Pupil's Voice was Green Schools. The pressure is off here for the moment with our new application timed for later in the year. For now, they have been very successfully managing the reduction of waste in our main bins. We would think the levels have gone from overflowing to about two thirds full so hopefully images like the one below are now a thing of the past. Thank you for this. Keep it up.



### Digital Literacy

70 years on we're comparing & contrasting teaching & learning from the 1950s to 2020's. This evolution was never more evident than during our visitors from Junior Infants 1953 amble around the school, reminiscing about the Teaching & Learning methods of the time, only to see groups of Infants cutting across their path laden down with their carry carts of ipads. This is so far

removed from their own experience.

It's a credit to the Digital Leaders that we can trust even the youngest children with thousands of euros of technology and also how much confidence and independence they have built up in short space of time.



Quite a bit of the staff's school planning time is given over to setting up a fantastic whole school digital programme for years to come. This all led by Mr. Sheekey, Ms. Byrne & Mr. Grant.

### Coiste Gaelige



Our newest group have selected what they see as the best times

to promote the natural speaking of Irish amongst the children. They circulate the school with helpful phrases to prompt the children. There is an upsurge in the spontaneous use of Gaeilge around the school. Thanks to Ms. Ralston, Ms. McDermott, Ms. Whelan & Ms. Hogan for their initiative here.

### Assembly Notes

Infants spoke about how much they love Aistear. They have been exploring Autumn, undertaken Scientific investigations, tablet work & crafts. They even found time to promote their Pumpkin Patch Shop

Ms. McWatt's Class have set themselves an ambitious target of reading 8,000,000 words. Our children usually meet their targets. This is an ambitious one.

Ms. Russell's 5<sup>th</sup> class unearthed, cleaned up and presented some onions from last year's raised beds crop.



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## SEN

Ms. Earls is delighted to report that we've not only secured a full EAL teacher for the year but also some extra hours on top. SETs will also be linking up with Parents during the usual P/T Meetings on the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

The process for Assistive Technology to be put in place from when originally recommended is slow. Ms Earls has put in place a system to have a stock of the most recommended items in stock. The needy pupil can now become familiar with the Assistive Technology ahead of its arrival.

## Communication

We hope you've managed to get a look at the Blog page on [www.scoilnacoroinnemhuire.ie](http://www.scoilnacoroinnemhuire.ie)

This has been a very busy month so to do justice to some other activities we'll leave them for the eNuachtlitir in early November

Final word of thanks to Adrian Dunne's Pharmacy who have sponsored the replenishment of our First Aid stocks. Much appreciated.

## October 2023

3<sup>rd</sup>: Transition CCM Principal Visit  
4<sup>th</sup>: Space Week  
5<sup>th</sup>: World Teachers' Day  
6<sup>th</sup>: Assemblies

7<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Holy Rosary  
11<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Holy Rosary Mass  
16<sup>th</sup>: Climate Action Week  
16<sup>th</sup>: Maths Week  
19<sup>th</sup>: Book Week begins  
19<sup>th</sup>: Girls GAA Blitz 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>  
24<sup>th</sup>: Active School Coordination Team (Webinar)  
24<sup>th</sup>: Cross Country Avondale OFF  
28<sup>th</sup>: Active Schools  
#FeelGoodFriday  
26<sup>th</sup>: Boys GAA Blitz 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup>: School Closes 3pm for October Break  
Non-Uniform Day  
'Motor Neurons Disease'

## November 2023

6<sup>th</sup>: School Reopens  
6<sup>th</sup>: Class Photographs  
6<sup>th</sup>: P/A BoM rep election meeting  
7<sup>th</sup>: P/A Relay Marathon All Day  
7<sup>th</sup>: Communion Parents Meeting 3.15pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Parents Meeting 4.15pm  
7<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Class Marine Institute Visit to Sandycove  
9<sup>th</sup>:  
Cumann na mBunscoil Tráth na g Ceist  
13<sup>th</sup>: World Kindness Day  
13<sup>th</sup>: Science Week  
15/16<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Meetings  
16<sup>th</sup>: International Day of Tolerance  
19<sup>th</sup>: International Men's Day  
20<sup>th</sup>: European Week of Waste Reduction

21<sup>st</sup>: Hello Day  
21<sup>st</sup>: Cross Country Trail Run tbc  
23<sup>rd</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> Class Irish Aid Trip  
25<sup>th</sup>: Active Schools  
#FeelGoodFriday tbc  
**December 2023**  
1<sup>st</sup>: P/A Festive Friday  
1<sup>st</sup>: 12 Runs of Christmas Begins  
3<sup>rd</sup>: P/A Christmas Fair 12.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup>: Peace Proms Workshops  
8<sup>th</sup>: P/A Centrepieces  
19<sup>th</sup>: Nativity Play  
20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>: Class Concerts  
22<sup>nd</sup>: School Closes 12 noon

*\*These dates are subject to change and will be updated on Website*