



September 2023 Newsletter

School Closure

Tuesday 14th November - School will close @ 12noon for all pupils to facilitate staff planning.

School Mass

Fr Kieran will be joining us for our annual beginning of year Mass on Thursday 28th September @ 1pm. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

Halloween Dress Up



To make our Hallowe'en celebration more inclusive for all we have decided to remove the competitive element Friday 27th October will be a **fun** Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day. We encourage pupils to be creative in designing and making their own costumes.
** This early notice will hopefully allow pupils to work on a plan!!

Upcoming Dates

27 th Sept	Student Council Elections (3 rd – 6 th)
28 th Sept	Beginning of Year Mass @ 1pm
4 th Oct	Green School Council Elections (2 nd – 6 th)
12 th Oct	HSE Nasal Flu Vaccine Senior Infants
16 th Oct	Maths Week
27 th Oct	Halloween Dress Up Day
8 th Nov	Peace Proms Choir Workshop Day
13 th Nov	Science Week
13 th Nov	Internet Safety Parent Information Meeting @ 7pm
14 th Nov	12 noon CLOSURE – Staff Planning
15 th Nov	Internet Safety Pupil Workshops 3 rd – 6 th class
23 rd Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings @ 3pm
13 th Dec	Christmas Concert – Matinee
14 th Dec	Christmas Concert – Evening Performance
22 nd Dec	12 noon CLOSURE – Christmas Holiday



Aladdin Connect

For all school
communication





HSE Vaccine

HSE will be in school on 12th Oct to administer the Nasal Flu Vaccine to pupils in senior infants. Please return consent forms as soon as possible.

Student Elections

Student Council 3rd -6th
Green Schools 2nd - 6th
Over the coming days pupils will be given the opportunity to self-nominate to be a pupil representative on the Student Council or Green School Committee. This is a great opportunity for pupils to be involved in active leadership roles that contribute to the life of the school.

Sean Fallon Anti-Bullying Campaign

In follow up to our staff workshop with Sean Fallon in May and to further improve our work on anti-bullying in school we will be continuing with monthly anti-bullying lessons from 2nd - 6th and introducing regular class surveys each half-term. See anti-bullying policy on our website.

SÉ Sport

The 5th and 6th boys began their Cumann na mBunscol Division 2 Northern Standard Cup Campaign on Tuesday 12th September last with a narrow last minute 2-6 to 1-6 defeat against Annyalla. They have another 2 games to play, away to Corracrin on Tuesday 19th in Emyvale @ 12 and home (Drumhowan) to Edenmore which at this point is scheduled for Tuesday 26th Sept.

Mobile Phones

A reminder to all parents – children ***are not permitted*** to have phones in school please see our policy on mobile phones
<http://www.scoileanna.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Mobile-Phone-Smart-Device-Policy-Signed.pdf>

Peace Proms 24

This school year we will be participating in Peace Proms on Sunday 25th February in Belfast SSE Arena. Peace Proms is a FREE music education resource which brings the magic of music to almost 35,000 children in 700 primary schools across Ireland and Northern Ireland. We are currently looking for pupils in 5th and 6th class who are interested in participating and joining our Peace Proms school choir. Permission slips have been sent via Aladdin and **must be completed by Wednesday 20th Sept.**

Attendance/Punctuality

As part of our DEIS action planning for school improvement we are required to look at attendance and punctuality. Our targets for this year are to reduce the number of pupils who miss more than 20 days in the school year and to improve punctuality. From the beginning of this school year any child arriving after 9:20am will be marked late on the Aladdin system. Staff will be monitoring punctuality weekly and will contact parents following 6 late arrivals. We ask you to support us in making these improvements.

Pupil Journals

Class teachers would like to remind parents that the pupil journal in use from 1st - 6th class is a daily means of communication between parent and teacher and very often notes are written in the journal for your attention. Please ensure that you check homework daily and sign the journal upon completion.

SÉ Parents' Association

Our PA are always looking for new members. For more information, please come along to their AGM which will be held later this term.



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