



## September 2024 Newsletter

### School Closure

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - School will close to facilitate off-site staff curriculum training

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – 12 noon close

### School Mass

Fr Kieran will be joining us for our annual beginning of year Mass on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September @ 1pm. All parents and families are welcome to attend.

### School Sundries

Reminder school sundries are now due and can be paid online or to Grainne in the office.

### Senior Boys GAA Training

Begins after school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2:40pm – 3:30pm for 4 wks

## Upcoming Dates

17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	P.E.in the Park 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> class
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	P.E.in the Park 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> class
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Student Council Elections (3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class)
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Beginning of Year Mass @ 1pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Green School Council Elections (2 <sup>nd</sup> class)
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE</b> – Curriculum Planning
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Maths Week
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Halloween Dress Up Day
28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Mid-term Break</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> class (6wks)
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Science Week
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>12noon CLOSURE</b> Staff Planning
19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3pm – 5pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parent/Teacher Meetings 3pm – 5pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	12 noon CLOSURE – Christmas Holiday



A special thank you to our Parents' Association for the new outdoor games tables.





**Fresh Today** please monitor/update your child's preferences to ensure they have something they like to eat. Look at/discuss the menu with your child.

## Student Elections

Student Council 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>  
Green Schools 2<sup>nd</sup>

Over the coming days pupils will be given the opportunity to self-nominate to be a pupil representative on the Student Council. This is a great opportunity for pupils to be involved in active leadership roles that contribute to the life of the school. Our Green School Committee runs on a two-year cycle and members of 2<sup>nd</sup> class will have the opportunity to join the experienced team.

## Sean Fallon Anti-Bullying Campaign

We will be continuing with monthly anti-bullying lessons from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and regular class surveys each half-term. See anti-bullying policy on our website.



## Halloween Dress Up

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October will be

a fun Hallowe'en Dress-Up Day for all. 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!!

## Mobile Phones

A reminder to all parents – children ***are not permitted*** to have phones in school please see our policy on mobile phones and smart devices.

<https://www.scoileanna.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Mobile-Phone-Smart-Device-Policy-Signed-23.pdf>

## Pupil Journals

Class teachers would like to remind parents that the pupil journal in use from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Pupil Allergies

Please notify the school office if your child has an allergy that has not already been communicated.

## 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.



## Attendance/Punctuality

As part of our DEIS action planning for school improvement we are required to improve attendance and 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.

Could we ***PLEASE ASK*** that where possible appointments are scheduled for out of school hours. We ***strongly discourage*** pupils being removed from school for family holidays.

***EVERY school day counts***

***Reminder*** - If your child is going to be late to school/or leaving early please log the reason on Aladdin Connect. This can be completed in the same way as recording absences.

***Under the Education Welfare Act 2000 parents must inform the school if their child will be absent from school on a school day and the reason for the absence.***

***Under current legislation (Education Welfare Act 2000) the school must notify the National Educational Welfare Board (TUSLA) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year.***

## Swimming

Will begin later this year for pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class running from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov for 6 weeks. 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> class lessons will take place in the summer term.



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