



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear school community,

It is hard to believe we have almost 8 weeks finished in school. A lot of events and trips have happened over the past few weeks. I would like to congratulate all of our GAA teams on representing the school so well.

We have been given indications that we will be moving into our new building at the end of November. We are planning a half day closure when this will be happening. We cannot give a definite date as yet but will let parents know as soon as possible.

School photos were taken 2 weeks ago and we should be getting the photos soon for parents to consider whether or not they wish to purchase them. In terms of staffing, we welcome our new teacher Mr. Matthew O Sullivan, who will be teaching in 1<sup>st</sup> class for the rest of the academic year.

I wish you all a very happy and safe mid-term break.

## Dates to Remember:

4<sup>th</sup> November - Children return from break

20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> November - Parent teacher meetings  
(More details will follow via the Aladdin App)

18<sup>th</sup> November - start of new school times

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

*The board of management has approved, along with our patron, a change in the starting times for the two schools. The new school times from 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 are:*

*Drop-off: 8.45 - 8.55*

*School begins: 8.55*

*Infants finish: 1.35*

*1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class finish: 2.35*

*The change in times is to ensure a greater amount of time between the two school start times.*

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSES

### Junior Infants

Junior infants celebrated their welcoming ceremony.

The children did very well performing for their grown-ups.

It was very exciting for the children and their families.

The children have been very busy learning numbers 1 to 4.

They have also been hard at work practicing sounds S and A.

Junior infants have a busy few weeks ahead as they will be learning about their senses.

### Senior Infants

In October Senior Infants have been learning about the Opticians. In maths they have been learning about longest and shortest. They learnt about the 5 senses: sight, touch, hearing, smell and taste. They have also learnt about autumn.

In the next few weeks they will be learning about pizza restaurants. They will read Pizza at Sally's. They are looking forward to this.

Some interesting news about Senior Infants is room 4 now has two teachers and room 5 has 2 teachers too.

Senior Infants have been working very hard on their listening skills and really trying hard following instructions.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Class

THIS MONTH IN ROOM 7, 1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS WERE LEARNING ABOUT DIWALI AND HALLOWEEN. IN ART THEY WERE MAKING TIGERS OUT OF MATERIALS SUCH AS: PAPER, COLOURING PENCILS, A PENCIL, AND GLUE.

IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THEY WILL BE MAKING PATTERNS AND LAMPS FOR DIWALI. SOME NEW THINGS THEY LEARNED IN IRISH WERE THE DAYS OF THE WEEK IN IRISH, NEW QUESTIONS IN IRISH (CAD IS AINM DUIT? CEN AOIS THU? ETC.).

SOME NEW THINGS THEY LEARNED IN MATHS WERE WAYS TO MAKE FIFTEEN AND USING MONEY.

ROOM 7 ARE LEARNING ABOUT INDIA IN HISTORY, LOTS OF DIFFERENT THROWS IN P.E., SONGS IN IRISH AND A BIT OF ADDING IN MATHS.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class

In Ms. Mehta's 2<sup>nd</sup> class they have been learning to round numbers, and learning about India. They have also been painting tigers for Diwali and have been making hotels.

In the next few weeks, the class doesn't even know what they're doing. All they know is that they might be going on a little trip.



## Staff Profile

Mick is the caretaker. Mick has been in the school for 3 years. He is from Ireland – and he is a very proud Dub! His favourite food is chicken and his favourite movie is Ice age 3. His favourite past time is walking in the park. I have not been in the school for a long time but Mick is one of the nice ones. Mick does a lot of hard work around the school and keeps things running smoothly.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

In October 3<sup>rd</sup> class have been learning about some awesome things, like in maths they have learned how to regroup numbers and subtract them. They have also been learning some tennis in P.E 3<sup>rd</sup> class really enjoyed it, they might even become a tennis player when they grow up. 3<sup>rd</sup> class also can't wait until after the break because they will be doing some science experiments on sound. They will also will be constructing buildings in art.



## 4<sup>th</sup> Class

Mr. Maher's 4th class students have recently been learning more interesting topics in maths such as rounding, addition and multiplication in the past month of October. They've also been drawing futuristic vehicles that they think will be in the future.

The fourth class children can't wait to paint their clay creations of futuristic cars. They will soon be practising stunts, plays and songs coming for the upcoming winter concert in December and more exercises for some harder maths. For example, they will learn more data like bar line graphs and pictographs.

Since the International World Cup of rugby is going on, Mr. Maher's class has been learning more about rugby!

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Ms. Rojack's 5th class have been doing swimming lessons at Tallaght Leisure Center and some of the students have moved up to the next level. They have been doing maths challenges in class nearly every day which they enjoy. In the upcoming weeks room 13 are going to be doing long division. 5th class are going to be learning about the North and South Pole. This will be an exciting place to learn about. They have been also be learning about the pyramids of Giza in Egypt. In English they have been learning how to write reports. Two students are on the school quiz team. We hope they have lots of fun. The class are practising mindfulness.



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

In 6th class they have been learning a lot of things including long division and the food pyramid. The food pyramid is a pyramid for food the top is the worst it is full of sugar. The bottom is the best full of fruit and veg. but 6th wasn't only learning about the food pyramid they were also learning about Ireland mountains, rivers and counties. They also learned about narrative writing. They went to the Chester Beatty Library and finally they did a project about grandparents.



## *All about Diwali!*

This Saturday is the Celebration Diwali. This is celebrated by many people in this school. Diwali started when one of the King's children Rama fell in love with another King's daughter Sita. Diwali is celebrated by some of the Hindu families in our school.

Also coming up on Thursday is Halloween. Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, The United Kingdom and Northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1st.

The reason we give out sweets on Halloween is because people used to celebrate a day called Candy day on the second Saturday in October, but they decided to mix that idea in with Halloween!