

# SOME NEWS FROM THE TEAM

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear families.

I hope you all had a lovely midterm break. All of the staff and children had been working so hard for the month of October and everyone deserved a nice relaxing break. Now that we are back for a new half term, we have lots of activities to look forward to. Our teachers are busy preparing for our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) week which is due to begin on Monday 9th November.

I wish to thank our Parent-Teacher Association for the fantastic work done in getting the 'Design-a-Card done and in preparing for fundraisers in a difficult time. Well done to the children for the great costumes and I'm glad my impression of Mario went down well! As our country is still in level 5 restrictions, I wish to encourage all of our adults and children to maintain a physical distance while outside of our school building. We have been very successful at helping to prevent the spread of Covid 19 so far, so let us continue to do this together.

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Display from Ms. Whelan's 4th class

October 2020



Beautiful Poetry Display

### Dates to note:

9th November: PTA clothes collection

9<sup>th</sup> November: STEM week

18th November: Virtual Book fair

ate January: School Photos (Proposed date

### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The board wish to thank all of the staff for the wonderful efforts made in reopening our school. The next board meeting will take place in December.

Ms. Larkin's 2nd class has been doing I some out-standing work. Like houses I and homes and a bit of subtraction to I also being an athlete and Super writing. I Isn't that super exciting?! This month | 2nd class is looking forward to science | week in a few days. This class is I enjoying doing skipping, art and testing I lots of things to see if they are I symmetrical. 2nd class have some I exciting news they have got a new I I friend in their class! Can you believe i I that!?

Mr Mount's class were doing a really good job last month of October. They were learning about farm animals and they also were learning about pet shops.

They also said that we can find animals and food for animals in pet shops too.

They said that in a pet shop you can find bunnies, snakes, dogs, cats, frogs and the pet kipper takes good care of the animals.

Mr Mount's class will be looking at block games and safely stacking the blocks. They also will do maths games. They love maths and math games and they also love gaeilge.

They enjoy their class. They also enjoy their yard and the yard games and golden time.

Mr Mount's class's news are that someone in their class will have a birthday and it was their first time to go to the PE hall.

By Simona

Please continue to help your children to adhere to the public health advice:

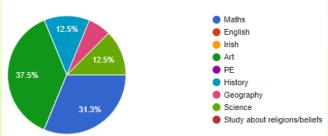
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### By Amelia Klonowska

This month Ms. Smyth's class was doing some wonderful work on Maths, English Irish and even Science. They were also learning about Antarctica. In Irish they were learning about foods and how they are pronounced. In math they were learning about money and In English they were doing comprehensions of Harry Potter. This fifth class is looking forward to doing more maths, Dioramas on Antarctica, Egyptian drama and houses in Irish. This class is enjoying everything about school at the moment and mostly their free writing on Thursdays and games in class. This is what Ms.Smyth's class has been doing and I hope you enjoyed reading.

# Survey of the Month!

The results of September's survey is below. The question was, what is your favourite subject at school?



Art seems to be the most popular with maths in second place!

Our October survey is: What is your favourite primary colour? You can answer <a href="here">here</a>

Senior infants have been doing a great job.
They were learning about autumn and
3Dshapes and playing construction in the
month of October. This month they are
looking forward to learning about length Bia
Respect and Italian culture.

They are enjoying playing corners and beanbags.

The exciting news in their class was Leon's and Anthony's Birthdays.

### By Risheek

### By Emma Cuffe

On Tuesday I got to go into Ms. Rojack's 6th class and I asked them a few questions. The first thing I asked them was "What was the class doing during the month of October?" and the things they were doing were, long division, Grandparent projects, Bia in Irish, rounding, they were learning about the Celts, GAA and learning about the rivers of Ireland.

The second question I asked them was "what will you be looking forward to this month?" and some of the thing's Ms. Rojack said they would be doing are WW2 and rugby.

The third question I asked was "What are you enjoying about school at the moment?" and the things they were enjoying were basketball, Table Champs and art.

And the final question I asked room 9 was "does anyone in your class have any exciting news?" and the answers I got were, Ms Rojack has become an aunt again, Peter got a puppy named Bowie, and Paige's cousin is having a baby.

Ms McMackin's class have been carving pumpkins, reading the Gruffalo and they went on a trick or treat hunt. Ms McMackin and the children from room 8 are looking forward to learning how to make new friends and printing in art. They are enjoying that everyone is happy and they are also enjoying meeting each other.

Exciting news

2 new boys started and they might be getting a climbing frame.

Well done to the members of our school who won prizes in the Credit Union Art Competition.





Rema, Amelia, Hari and Helena

Reporter: Joshua Breslin.

Mr. O'Sullivan's 3rd class has been learning some very interesting facts in the past month. For example, subtraction and GAA. They are extremely good at subtraction.

They are looking forward to starting to learn about division and a festival called Diwali. Diwali is an Indian festival of light and it lasts around 5 days and it is celebrated in the month of November more will be explained later.

Exciting news!! It is almost Simon's birthday!

# **Our School Assemblies**

Our Value of the month was Respect.

The children have been discussing respect and learning about what it means. Here is a little summary.





Well done to all of the children who won awards for showing respect to themselves and others around them.

# Happy Diwali to all who celebrate!

Diwali is the Indian festival of lights, usually lasting five days and celebrated during the Hindu Lunisolar month Kartika. This year is begins on November 14<sup>th</sup>. One of the most popular festivals of Hinduism, Diwali symbolizes the spiritual "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance".



## Our Parent-Teacher Association

This month the PTA have organised a clothes recycling event so parents can drop off unwanted clothing. There will be a Book Fair. Parents can buy books and our school gets a percentage of the profits which can be spent on free books for our library. There might be a picture competition for the junior classes and a short story competition for the senior classes. There are lots of amazing kid's books to buy. "We hope you support our school!" - The PTA

Reporter: Kate Moyles

Mr. Dunne's 4th class has been doing addition and subtraction, they have been doing clay in art, and they have also been making skeletons in art. They have also got new yard games for yard time. Some of the boys and girls in Mr. Dunne's 4th class have been looking forward to doing golden time, multiplication, art and maths. They are also enjoying multiplication, science projects clay in art. They have some exciting news to share: A girl in their class has lost 14 teeth altogether, A boy in their class got a new guitar and the same boy got a guitar exam, and they have also been doing GAA, They have also been writing letters to a nursing home and Cadbury's

# Note to Parents from the HSE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic the Dental service in Dublin South West and Kildare West Wicklow is restricted in line with the Department of Health and Irish Dental Council guidance. We would like to assure you that these measures are aimed at minimising the infection risks for patients and staff. It is vitally important that you continue to look after your oral health by maintaining a healthy diet and implementing an effective oral hygiene routine. We would like to take this opportunity to offer some diet and dental health advice.

- Always brush your teeth twice a day, in the morning and at bedtime for 2-3 minutes.
- A soft/medium toothbrush is recommended.
- Use a pea sized amount of fluoride toothpaste. (At least 1000 ppm fluoride).
- After brushing, spit out toothpaste but do not rinse.
- Change your toothbrush when the bristles are worn or every season.
- The frequency of sugar causes damage to teeth. Sugar should be kept to mealtimes only.
- Healthy snack options include fresh fruit, plain popcorn, plain yogurt, and raw vegetables such as carrots, celery, cheese, pitta bread, crackers and sandwiches.
- Unflavoured milk and water are the only two drinks that are safe for your teeth.

If you are concerned about your child's teeth or would like further advice, please contact us at Vista Dental Office, 045 920868.

We have attached some useful links below and look forward to seeing you all soon. <a href="https://www.dentalhealth.ie">https://www.dentalhealth.ie</a>

https://youtu.be/CmJX4GEg-h0

http://www.eapdireland.ie/for-parents.html

Some fun colouring for children: <a href="https://images.app.goo.gl/nakAr9bTad7gJ25v7">https://images.app.goo.gl/nakAr9bTad7gJ25v7</a>

Regards,

Oral Health Promotion Team,

Dublin South West/Kildare West Wicklow.