

September Newsletter - Meánfómhair 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are all settled back to school now with daily routines in place . Our new infants ,Mia, Bayley and Finn are settling in well and all classes are up and running.

Text a parent- Going forward, we think it would be useful if everyone could download the Text a parent App please , it can be useful for permission slips, payments etc

We are updating contact lists and details so if you could return slip sent home recently please if you haven't done so already ..

Just a few points for your information re.upcoming events .

- Seven Pupils from 3rd -6th class will take part in the Schools Cross Country in Thurles on September 27th .Thanks to Mr Butler for organising this event so practise is ongoing.
- Anthony Doyle is back with us from tomorrow Friday 15th .Anthony is the G.A.A Coach assigned to our school. Anthony takes the junior room from 10.20am -11am and Seniors from 11.20am to 12.10am approx. Term 1 is football coaching , then hurling later in the year. Pupils should bring old runners change of socks in case feet get wet., (gum shield also if you have one,) but it will be non contact . Focus will be on learning the skills of football with age appropriate drills etc juniors won't need bootsor gum shield as they will be working on tarmac, non contact games .
- Reminder re.€25 per pupil to cover pupil personal insurance scheme, art and photocopying . Thanks for payments received to date.
- Scoil Ruain Open evening is September 26th . Taster Subject day is Sep. 21st for 5th/6th class pupils .**please text if you wish your child to attend, depending on interest in it , we may decide to go if possible.**
- Gairm Scoil Mhuire Open Evening also Sep. 26th .
- Stop Motion Animation – As part of the County Council Artist in School , Mike Byrne will be working with both classrooms on Stop Motion Animation skills. The dates are October 9th, 10th, 12th , 13th and again December 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th . Each classroom will receive 2 days in October and 2 days in September working with Mike. It should be an exciting project for the pupils to work on.
- Blast in Education is a Dept. of Education initiative to afford schools the opportunity to work with an artist , 6 hours for planning and preparation and 14 contact hours in the classrooms. We have been partnered with Artist /Creative Practitioner Gillian Grattan . We look forward to this collaborative project which will run after Christmas .
- New Primary Maths Curriculum – Please see attached information sheet for parents on the New Maths Curriculum which is being phased in.
- Click on links to info. which you may find helpful in supporting your child's learning
- <https://www schooldays.ie/articles/Homework-> see this website for further tip
- <https://www schooldays.ie/articles/Primary-Schools-Curriculum>
- follow the link to find out more about the Primary School Curriculum.
- <https://www.helpmykidlearn.ie/> Have a look at this site, it has lots of very helpful information on the Curriculum and what your child will be learning.
- <https://www2.hse.ie/babies-children/play/screen-time/#:~:text=Use%20of%20screens,an%20activity%20to%20occupy%20them>. See this article on screen time and young Children, H.SE

- <https://www.curriculumonline.ie/Primary/Curriculum-Areas/Mathematics/>
- Home/School Link
- Continue to support your child in his/her learning – by spending 10mins a day checking your child's work, reading with them, talking about what they are learning will make a difference to learning outcomes.
- Gaeilge – Now is the time to foster a love of the Irish Language and an ear for the language . Cula 4 have launched an Irish tv channel for kids , it went live on Saorview, Virgin media , Sky and Eir last Friday. Aimed at making entertaining and educational content in Irish available for children. It doesn't matter that your child may not understand every word, the important thing is they are hearing the language outside of the school setting
- Tin whistle – Fiona Slattery will start back in October teaching the tin whistle , we will do a 7 week programme.
- Remember to make a good start in September .Sign up for the library , it is free membership for children. Killenaule Library opens every Thursday. Once you are a member, you can visit and borrow books from any library . Tús Maith leath na hoibre .

Thanks for your co-operation and support ,
Mgt Gleeson
Tom Butler