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Together we succeed



## Scoil Phádraic Cailíní | October Newsletter – 2024



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy few weeks as everyone has been settling back down into the routine of school life again. I am very proud of all our girls, they are working hard and committed to doing their best, we can ask no more of them than this!

Autumn is well and truly here and Mr. Richard's pumpkins are looking very impressive and well ready for Halloween. The Parents Association are organising our **Halloween Fun Day**, this will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October in the school hall. We are hoping that you will all support us with baked or bought buns and cakes for the cake sale and that you will join us for tea or coffee on the morning.

We are inviting the girls to wear a jersey in to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October for **Jersey Day!** GOAL Jersey Day sees tens of thousands of people coming together and wearing their favourite sports jerseys to support GOAL's work with vulnerable communities. I think that we can all agree, that there are many vulnerable communities in the world at this time, who need our support. We ask that the girls bring in a €2 donation towards this worthy cause.

Ms Elliffe has organised an array of mathematical activities, quizzes and mind-boggling puzzles to stretch our girls' maths minds, as we mark **Maths Week 2024** next week! In honour of **Space Week**, Ms. Flood has organised for the Space Dome to visit the school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. We are very conscious of promoting the **STEM** subjects to our girls and exposing them to opportunities to engage in maths, technology, engineering and science.



### School upcoming events - Dates for your diary

October 10<sup>th</sup> - School Calendar Photo Shoot!

October 11<sup>th</sup> - Jersey Day in aid of GOAL

October 23<sup>rd</sup> Halloween Fun Day

October 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Dress-up Day

October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-term break



## Calendar Photo Shoot!

The theme of this year's School Calendar is 'Celebrating the Special Olympics, Paralympics and Olympics'. The girls submitted lots of beautiful art work and some will be used in our 2025 School Calendar. Kevin will be in to take the themed class photos on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Rugby on Fridays for  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>  
Classes

Please check that  
your daughter is using  
her wash bag in  
school and that it is  
restocked regularly!

### To Do

- Lunchbox
- Water Bottle
- Homework
- Journal
- Washbag
- PE Bag

## Child Safeguarding Procedures



We are honoured that you entrust us with the very important responsibility of the safety of your child(ren). Our school staff and the Board of Management treat this responsibility with the utmost importance. In order to keep all our pupils safe, we need all parents to cooperate with the safety protocols that we have in place.

The school facilitates the staggered arrival of pupils to school between 8:45 and 9:00. Supervision on the corridors to monitor the children arriving safely to their classroom finishes at 9am, as the teachers providing this supervision are required to be in class from this time onwards.

As per our procedures, parents of children who arrive late to school must walk their child to the front door, enter the school, report to the school secretary and sign their child in. This ensures that there are no children on the school grounds that we are unaware of. In addition to this, this makes the secretary aware that there is a child on the corridors making her way to class. Further to this, it ensures that there are no unregistered, unvetted adults on our school corridors.

When accessing the school please ensure that the doors are kept closed, some of our pupils are very young and not all pupils would have an awareness of their own safety. Recently at Assembly, and again at the Pupils Council Meeting, we talked to the girls to hear their views around making sure that they feel safe in school. Thankfully they were all able to identify staff in the school that they would be happy and comfortable to talk to, if they have any worries. Interestingly, when asking them if there was anything that does or would not make them feel safe in

school, they reported that if the school doors were left open, they would not feel safe.

All of our pupils, complete age appropriate anti-bullying surveys once a month and we follow up if anything that arises from these. The girls' behaviour is generally excellent and they are very kind and considerate of each other.



### Parking Safety

Please do not park in the bus bay, the bus will not stop if there are cars in the bus bay and children will miss their bus home. Parents are relying on this bus to bring their children home from school.

Also, please be careful when reversing at the parking spots across from the school.



### School Musical



Scoil Phadrai Cailini are very excited to announce that will be presenting the musical Annie Jnr next February 2025. Lots of work has been done in the background to give the girls this opportunity and preparations are already underway, with auditions for character roles happening next week. There will be two casts and so all of the girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will be involved in the shows. We will keep you posted on important dates over the incoming months.

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