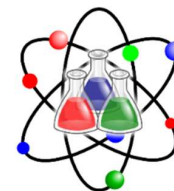


Scoil Phádraic Cailíní

November 2021

Dear Parents,

This a lovely term in the school year, everyone is well settled into the routine of school and there are lots of events and activities happening in the school. This week is Science Week and so there has been lots of experimenting, popping and exploding going on around the school. Fortunately the school building has withstood this latest spate of scientific testing!



To coincide with the COP26 Climate Change Conference, our 5th & 6th class girls took part in a workshop on “Global Warming and Climate Change” and explored the effect global warming has on ocean biodiversity.

We are introducing a variety of initiatives at the different class levels at present, from book clubs to wellbeing programmes to coding. Our infant classes are excitedly awaiting the arrival of their coding Bee Bots robots, these fun little robots teach sequencing, directions, directional language, estimation and problem-solving in a hands-on engaging way. Our 1st and 2nd

class girls are working on a wellbeing programme to learn practical ways of supporting their wellbeing - a valuable life-long skill! Third and 4th class girls are engrossed in their book club novels and are enjoying sharing their thoughts and opinions on them with each other. In 5th class the girls are developing their debating skills as well as working on some lovely choir pieces of music. Finally, our 6th class girls have been engaged in many projects, but most recently they have been recording and acting out Irish poems to share with the infant classes. It is all happening here in Scoil Phádraic Cailíní!!

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year’s Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place in January. Given the current public health situation they will likely take place over Zoom, however this will be confirmed closer to the time. Class teachers never wait until the parent-teacher meetings to get in touch with parents to highlight and support a child’s specific learning needs. Similarly, you are welcome to contact the school at any time to speak with the class teacher - this partnership is valued by us.

School Calendar



Many thanks is due to our Parents’ Association for their hard work and support with our Halloween Fun Day, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Dunnes Stores, Tesco and Cadburys were once again very good to us. Funds raised on the day were put towards the purchase of our first set of scooter racks, which are being put to good use by the Junior Infants! More racks are on the way and we will let you know when they have been installed. The Parents’ Association have also been busy organising the school calendar, the theme of which is “Celebrating Our Community.” Congratulations to Niamh Dillon in 6th class, whose winning art entry will be on the front cover and well done also to Megan Dale, runner up, whose entry will also feature on the calendar. We had great fun here on the ‘photo shoot’ day, many thanks to Kevin Morris who was our photographer for the morning.



Parents' Association AGM

The Parents' Association AGM will take place online on Wednesday 24th of November at 8pm. The guest speaker this year is Avril Quinn, a Cognitive Behavioural Specialist. The school staff have recently completed 3 online workshops run by Avril, focusing on supporting the emotional, social and behavioural needs of children. We are going to be rolling out a special programme with the children, teaching them about their emotions, identifying the causes of some of their emotions, and strategies to regulate their emotions (get back into the green zone!). I would strongly encourage you to join us for the talk. More information will follow.

What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

New Art Mural

If you have been doing the school drop off and/or pick up recently, you will have seen our new mural on the front of our school building. This beautiful piece of art was created for us by Katie English, one of our past pupils. We tasked Katie with capturing for us the creative atmosphere that exists in the school, whereby we encourage the girls to explore, foster and develop their creative, academic, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics), arts (art, music and drama) and sporting talents - while reaching for the stars of their potential. I'm sure you will agree that she has done a wonderful job and her art work is a testament to this.

And on the subject of art, congratulations to Lauren Hannon & Katie Goslin, both 6th class, whose submissions to the Sonairte competition were "highly commended". Well done girls!

