

# Scoil Shride Hallowe'en 2024



Greetings all and welcome to our Hallowe'en Summer 2024 Edition! ☺

Friday is Ms. Holland's last day with us as she heads off down southwest to share her skills and talents. She has been a terrific asset to the school since 2018. She has impacted on us all with her caring and professional manner, her excellent teaching and terrific sense of humour. She has contributed greatly to school life and especially in Lego Clubs and all things Environmental. Go dTé sí slán.

## Junior Infant Newsletter

Junior infants have completed their first half term in school! They are having a wonderful time playing and learning and making new friends. We are so proud of them!

During our first topic 'All about me' we were learning how to play and share together with the help of the 'Rainbow Fish'. In literacy, we've been learning our initial sounds. We have also been reading lots of new stories and the children have enjoyed retelling and acting out stories in our class role play area. In Maths, the children learnt about numbers, making sets and matching. This week, we enjoyed games in the school hall as part of Maths week. During our 'Autumn' topic, the children enjoyed an Autumn Walk, learning about squirrels & hedgehogs and singing our Dingle Dangle Scarecrow song. We have been enjoying making Halloween arts & crafts and tasting traditional Halloween Barmbrack!



# Senior Infant News

Senior Infants have worked very hard in September and October. We have settled in well into our new classrooms and have enjoyed learning all about ourselves, our emotions, all about school and Autumn. Last week was Maths Week in school, and we had so much fun, going on Maths Trails and playing Maths games in the hall with our 5th class friends. We love being creative with Junk Art, and Lego during Play. Senior Infants is great fun, and our teachers are so happy at how hard we are working! Happy Halloween!!



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

First class have been busy settling in and getting used to new routines. We have really enjoyed working on our sound of the week in our phonics stations.

During Maths Week we had great fun solving the daily maths problem and Ms. Buckley gave us an introductory lesson to Chess where we learned all about the Rook. We loved it! We also spent a morning out on the Astro playing maths games with Ms. Christian's 6<sup>th</sup> class who were so good to us.

We have been learning about Autumn and preparing for Halloween. We designed a cool Halloween Frankenstein and Haunted House for art.

We can't wait to dress up next week and go Trick or Treating on Halloween night. Happy Halloween!!!!

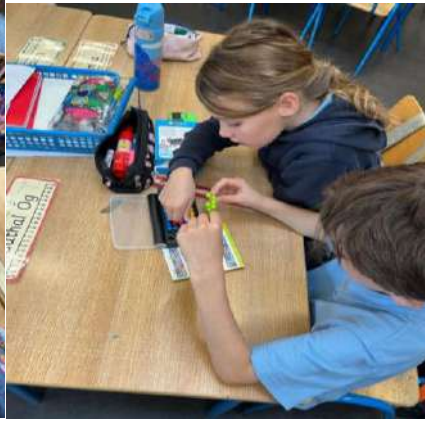


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class



2nd class have thoroughly enjoyed their first term back at school. They've been working extremely hard learning their spellings, practicing their reading and discovering the signs of autumn. 2nd class really enjoyed the activities they participated in during maths week. They loved participating in active maths games out on the astro, solving daily challenges, writing in their maths journals and they particularly enjoyed learning the basics of chess with Mr Carty. We were also lucky to get a visit from garda Deirdre. The children asked her really insightful questions and they learned a lot about the duties and responsibilities of the gardaí.





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

Greetings from 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. We are settling in well and have been very busy. We have been learning about space over the past couple of weeks. We have investigated the work of astronauts on board the ISS. We wrote recount pieces as if we were astronauts ourselves and check out our lovely astronaut drawings!

We also got creative and wrote persuasive writing pieces about 'Haunted Houses For Sale Sale'. We drew lovely haunted houses to accompany them. You can also see our lovely Art work on perspective, in our 'Sunflower Sunsets' in the background.



We had great fun during Maths Week. We had daily Maths challenges, outdoor Maths Games, school-wide competitions and even went on a Maths Trail around our school!

We love recording what we have learned in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Class



Maths Journal.



Our local Garda came in told us all about the work of the local Garda Station in Naas. We loved hearing her stories and got to ask plenty of interesting questions.

This week is Wellbeing Week and our school theme is 'Inside Out'. We are endeavouring to be super kind in school as we complete our 'Kindness Calendars'. We are excited to see who will win the 'Inside Out' Art competition and can't wait to dress up for school on Friday. There is lots to look forward to with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Halloween Disco on Thursday.

## Attendance

Well done to everyone in their recent attendance awards which awarded excellent attendance for missing no days or only 1 or 2 days! In our drive for maintaining and even improving our current attendance rates we are monitoring attendance levels at the junior level and senior level over the next year. The boys and girls all know that the class level with the biggest percentage improvement of attendance from September to December this year in comparison to the same time last year will get chips for lunch on the last week of school in December.

Statistics have shown the greater level of consistent attendance allow for greater outcomes socially and academically.

## U/11 Camogie

Our U/11 Camogie team reached the semi finals after being unbeaten in the group stages. Along the way they beat Ardclough and Straffan before being narrowly defeated by Caragh. We were delighted to have so many new faces from 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes join the team this year while the old reliables of Olivia Gaynor, Amelie Smyth, Eve Maguire and Isabelle Moylan were solid throughout!



## Choir News



Our school choir has been very busy since we came back to school. We have lots of new members from 4<sup>th</sup> class now working hard with us too. We are so busy preparing for our Christmas Concert on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. We cannot wait. It promises to be a wonderfully festive night to kick off the Christmas season. Details about tickets to follow after midterm so stay tuned. We are very lucky to have so many wonderfully dedicated and enthusiastic choir members and DJ's and we are very proud of them.

Ms Moynihan, Mr Maguire, Ms Collier, Ms Brady, Ms Salmon and Ms Fraher.



## U-11 Hurling

The lads from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class worked very hard on their hurling skills this term. They had three matches in their division. The first two matches were very tight with a last minute goal seizing a win for TwoMileHouse NS and a very tight game against a well-matched Milltown NS, which was played in incredibly wet and cold conditions. However, they finished up the season with an amazing win over Scoil Mhuire Senior, Ballymany, Newbridge. There were loads of scores and great team play on display. We look forward to building on this in the New Year for the Senior Boys Hurling League. Many thanks to all who supported and provided lifts to matches. An Chill Abú!

## Niamh and Aoife's Class News

Niamh and Aoife's class have had a busy September and October. They have enjoyed creating some delicious treats during cooking time. They have been learning all about Autumn and Halloween, while also practicing their wonderful writing skill and showing off their amazing Maths knowledge. The children are once again enjoying their dance class with Anne every Wednesday and they're also getting to show off their singing skills. The children really enjoyed celebrating SNA appreciation day, creating beautiful cards and hosting a little party for the wonderful SNA's who work with the children each day.



## 4<sup>th</sup> class

4<sup>th</sup> class have been very busy this term and been involved in lots of exciting things.

We started off the year by learning about history in our locality and taking a local history walk through the village where we looked at the school buildings that came before the one we are currently in, as well as St Brigid's Church and the village park.

In Science we looked at reactions and solutions, learning that oil and water don't mix and eventually making lava lamps using oil, water, effervescent tablets and food colouring. We learned lots but had great fun too.

We also enjoyed GAA sessions with Kellie this term, developing our throwing, catching and kicking skills on the astroturf.

Maths Week was great fun. We tried to solve a different Maths problem each morning by talking it out and looking at the different strategies we all used to get to the same answer. We played Maths games on the astroturf pitch last Friday. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class helped set this up and guided us. They were great! Thank you!!!

Finally, we also say goodbye to Ms Holland who is going back to the Treaty County- Limerick. We will all miss her for her great ideas, her wise counsel and for the laughs and craic. Go n-éirí leat Ms Holland! Maybe getting her back to Limerick will be enough of a win for them this year and they might keep their hands off the Liam McCarthy for another year. She has told us she's going to keep in touch though and let us know how amazing we all are in comparison to her new school! We are all very sad she is leaving, as you can see from the photo below.



## 5th Class News

What a busy half term for 5th Class. We have settled into our new classes really well and have enjoyed making new friends! Throughout the term, we have been busy learning about lots of new things, for example the 1960's, recount writing, counties of Ireland, long division, fun maths activities for Maths Week, GAA with Kelly and we have recently started researching different topics for report writing.

Ms. Finnegan's class took on great responsibility at the beginning of the year and led our first senior assembly of the year. During this assembly, excellent tin whistle abilities were showcased. They also created spooky masks in the lead up to Halloween, watch this space for up and coming artists!!

We learned about the different counties of Ireland and completed mini projects on counties of our choice, we really enjoyed presenting these to the class and convincing each other which county was best, but Ms. Glendon is still trying to convince everyone that Kilkenny is the best county!!



During this term, children from each of the 5th classes were selected to be part of the Dream Space Team, which will be enabling the children to showcase their passion for learning about Digital Technologies and lead, support and train other members of the school community.

Maths week was a great success. We took part in daily morning maths challenges, which really put our brains to the test. As part of being in the senior end of the school, we are now given extra responsibility during Maths Week, which allowed us to show the younger classes how fun Maths can be through games and trails.



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

We have been really enjoying 6<sup>th</sup> Class so far. We have been learning about lots of new things in our classrooms like, space travel, the planets, the cold war, WW2, recount writing, morphology, fun maths activities and competitions for Maths Week, swimming, gaa with Kelly, Wellbeing activities, cool Halloween art and much more. We have started confirmation preparation already and we cannot wait for the big day on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

There have been lots of sporting endeavours that we have been involved in and we have had great fun. Those of us in the choir are very excited for the Christmas concert on December 4<sup>th</sup>, our last one in Scoil Bhríde. We were very busy throughout Maths Week as we had extra responsibilities helping the younger classes to have fun through Maths learning but we were also lucky to have our own Maths fun in our own classrooms too. We got to visit our potential secondary schools for their open nights recently. So exciting!

We are looking forward to the rest of this term and the lead up to Christmas. We have so much to look forward to.



## Sports News October 2024

A huge thanks to all the teachers who contributed hugely to all our teams that participated in Cumann na mBunscol competitions over the Last number of weeks. Ms Christian and Ms Wright with Camogie, Mr. Kelly with Hurling, Ms Purcell with the U11 Girls Football and Mr. Carty with our soccer teams. They always give so much of their own time to train teams. I would like to thank Kill G.A.A and Kill Celtic F.C. for the use of their pitches. We really appreciate the contribution made by you as parents to drive children to the matches. I thank the teachers in the school who also made it possible by minding classes on particular days. All our teams represented our school fantastically in all the competitions. Mr. Kelleher leads the way by encouraging so many people to get involved both adults and children in our school community. The Senior Girls soccer team and Under 11 Boys

Gaelic Football teams narrowly lost out in finals this term. Today the successful Kill Ladies Senior Football team, which consisted of former pupils and a parent of a child presently in the school, came in. They were very inspiring as role models for the children and encouraged them to get involved with a team in any sport.

**Don't Forget if your child missed the Flu' Vaccine rolled out recently, Life Pharmacy in the village are able and willing to give the nasal sprays for children.**

**PLEASE remember traffic protocols within school grounds.** The "Car Park" is a "Drop off zone" - **Set Down for student Drop off and Collection** (on school plans) and not actually supposed to be a car park! Please drop off and go.

Please **Reverse in** and **Drive out** and please do not block other motorists. The Wheelchair accessible carparking spots are only for use by those who need closer access to the school and are directly affected. Please honour this internationally agreed protocol.



**If you are driving please do not idle your car's engine** Research around schools in the U.K. have demonstrated decrease in air quality attributed to car engines running idle while in the school grounds. Our playgrounds are **NO IDLING ZONES !!**

*We have school uniforms for a reason and now is as important as ever. Designer gear serves no child in a school.*

*Use of mobile phones and "smart Watches" and similar is prohibited in school / school related events.*

*Keep going with the healthy lunches and well done!!*

Please walk to school. If you are cycling, wear a helmet.

Until the council change the traffic management outside the school, motorists are to turn left upon exiting the grounds. This helps the traffic management within the school grounds and makes for safer and less frustrated motorists..

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Single use plastic: Just a reminder to remember to continue to use reusable drink bottles in school and **no single use plastic bottles!**

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It is important to note that when the school is not open for pupils, it is out of bounds to the public. This means no access to the basketball court, All Weather Pitch or grounds in general. This applies to weekends and after school without specific permission of the Board of Management. It is trespassing to be on the premises without permission.

Thanks to Ms. Moynihan, all the contributors and Paula for helping with this newsletter.

Happy Hallowe'en everybody ☺

Brendan Kelleher and Staff and **see you all on** Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> 2024