

October Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope all the girls have settled back into school and are looking forward to their well-deserved break over Halloween. We have had a busy term full of fun and learning.

Start of school year mass: Mass took place in St. Flannan's Church on 10th September to begin the new school year.

Explorers Education Programme: We have been successful in our application to the programme again this year for 5th & 6th class. This is run by Carmel Madigan and the girls thoroughly enjoyed it last year.

Athletics: We participated in the cross-country in Lees Rd. Ennis and the girls did extremely well. Congratulations to all the girls who took part. Best wishes to the girls in the next round which will take place on 13th November.

Confirmation: Enrolment mass for those making Confirmation this year took place on Sunday 20th October.

Halloween Disco: We will be having a Halloween Disco in school on Friday 25th October. This year we are fundraising to purchase more tablets/iPads for the school. The pupils may come to school in fancy dress. Please bring €5 to school on the day.

Panto: We will be going to the Panto 'Aladdin' in University of Limerick in December. More details will be issued to parents after the mid-term break.

Halloween Safety Talk: Garda Hilda and 2 members of Killaloe Fire Brigade came to the school last week to remind the girls how to stay safe over the Halloween festivities.

Parent Teacher Meetings: We will be sending out the times of the meetings after the mid-term. The dates scheduled for the P/T meetings are Monday 18th November and Tuesday 19th November.

Christmas Carol Service: We will be hosting our Christmas Carol Service in Killaloe Church on Wednesday 18th December. We will share more details with you closer to the time.

School Uniform: Tracksuits are worn Monday and Friday. School uniform must be worn Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday.

Art & Craft: Sincere thanks to those who have already paid this year. We ask that any outstanding amounts are paid as soon as possible and may be paid in instalments if needed. For pupils in 2nd class upwards, part of the money collected is for the Accelerated Reading Programme. If the fee is not paid, your child will be unable to participate in this programme.

Shoebox Appeal: We are participating in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal again this year.

Leaflets have been given to all pupils. If you wish to participate we kindly ask that shoeboxes are returned to the school before Friday November 8th.

Showjumping: Congratulations to Leanne Rodgers (6th class) and Edel Rodgers (4th class) who represented the school at the Inter Schools Showjumping competition recently.

Clothing Collection: We will be having a Bag 2 School fundraising clothing collection on 5th November. Please bring any unwanted clothes to school on or before this date.

PA Meeting: The next PA meeting will take place on Wednesday 6th November at 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

Stay Safe: The Stay Safe Programme will be implemented in all classes in November. Home/school links information sheets will be sent home with the pupils on the lessons being covered.

Cycle Right: 5th class are receiving cycling training from two qualified instructors from the Cycling Association of Ireland. They are learning about road safety, signalling, turning and emergency stops.

Book Fair: Thank you to all who supported our Book Fair. A total of €1467.15 was raised and the school will now get €880.29 worth of books for our library and reading initiatives.

Active Schools: Ms. Chesser is busy with the Active Schools Committee organising lots of fun activities for the year ahead. We are aiming to renew our Active School Flag in the Springtime.

Green Schools: We have started the process of applying for our 4th Green Flag this year. This flag concentrates on 'Biodiversity'.

SSE: As part of the School Self Evaluation process we are focusing on 'Wellbeing'. We have lots of initiatives planned for the year and we look forward to working with you the parents for the development and wellbeing of your daughter.

Thank you for all your help and support this term. We look forward to working together with you after the holidays. School will re-open on Monday 4th November at 9.15am.

