

NEWSLETTER

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11th November 2020

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Class teachers will make contact with parents/guardians to make an appointment. This appointment will take place over the course of the week of November 16 -20. Parent/ Teacher discussions about your child's progress in school can be done by Zoom or telephone call.



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Christmas Annuals

The school is selling the *Folens Christmas Annuals* again this November. The "Súgradh" Annual (soo gra – the Irish word for "play") is suitable for Junior & Senior Infants. The *Spraoi Annual* (spree- the Irish word for "fun") is geared towards 1st & 2nd classes. The Christmas annuals are bursting with activities, jokes, quizzes, interviews and stories and includes a free Christmas pencil.

We are only accepting e-payments this year - all families will be mailed a link later this week. Payments will be taken up until **Friday, 4th December which will be the last day for payment.**

Annuals will be distributed to the children by Friday, 18th December. The cost is €4. Families are under no pressure to buy these Christmas Annuals.



Science Week 8th- 15th November



This week is Science Week and there are lots of experiments happening in classrooms all over the country. You can find out more on www.scienceweek.ie. Why not check out some of the websites below to do some fun experiments at home.

10 Easy Science Experiments

www.youtube.com/watch?v=4MHn9Q5NtdY

Easy Science experiments for kids- You Tube

<http://weatherwizkids.com> for some weather experiments.

<https://www.sfi.ie/engagement/discover-primary-science-and-maths/activities-search/>

Calendars



Normally, at this time of year members of our very active Parents' Association are busy taking orders for class calendars with each class photo on top. Due to Covid restrictions this cannot happen this year. This also serves as a fundraiser and the Parents' Association invest these funds back into the school. Last year Guided Reading books for pupils were bought with a donation from the Parents' Association which was a very worthwhile and much appreciated investment.

However, a memento and record of your child's 2020 class photo with class teacher and SNA (if applies) is available to view on the school website and has been sent to parents/guardians via DOJO. It is regrettable some pupils may have been absent on the day photographs were taken.

National Parents' Council (NPC).



Supporting your child to stay safe online can be a daunting parenting responsibility!

National Parents Council Primary are running free online interactive workshops on Internet Safety. This programme will give you practical information and supports to help you as a parent in this vital role. It will help you better understand that your parenting skills are key to keeping your child safe and it will also look at some of the evidence about what children in Ireland are spending their time doing on line and will also examine some of the risks and benefits for children online.

The sessions are taking place online via Zoom at 10am and 8pm on Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th of November. Log on to the link below to register.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OnlineInternetSafety2020>

Each session will be limited to 15 parents to allow for discussion and questions, and places will be offered on a first come first serve basis.

National Parents' Council (NPC).

For parents of primary school children who may have queries contact helpline@nps.ie Telephone: 01 8874477



Supporting Parents
Supporting Children

Illnesses

Please inform the school if your child develops any form of serious illness during the year. This should be done as soon as possible in order to ensure that we can take the necessary steps to safeguard all pupils and staff. If your child is ill, he/she should be kept at home and follow medical advice.

National Plan for Living with COVID-19

[gov.ie/HealthyIreland](https://www.gov.ie/HealthyIreland)

A programme of activities around five simple actions that we can all take to keep well.

1. **Keeping active**-outdoor activity is important for physical and mental health.
2. **Keeping in contact**-person to person connection is vital for our wellbeing. Don't let isolation become a problem. Ask for help if you need it. Offer help if you can. Stay two metres apart.
3. **Getting creative**-learn something new, get back to nature, find ways to relax, re-discover Bawnogue and Clondalkin locality. Creative Ireland Programme provides initiatives in the arts, crafting, culture and heritage.
4. **Eating well**-make the connection between the food we eat and how we feel both mentally and physically. Safefood's START campaign will help parents to introduce healthier habits to children.
5. **Minding your mood**-The HSE's [yourmentalhealth.ie](https://www.yourmentalhealth.ie) website has useful information. Look out for the upcoming HSE online **Minding Your Wellbeing programme**. *Make a daily plan to do at least one thing every day that will keep you well.*



