

NEWSLETTER

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Parent / Teacher Meetings



The parent teacher meetings will be held: **Tuesday 14th November** 3pm– 5.30pm **& Wednesday 15th** 3pm-4:10pm Appointments will be sent out soon. We look forward to seeing you then.



<u>Early Start Story-time</u> <u>Workshops</u>

Thanks to all parents /grandparents who came to our Story-time with Dee the Pirate. The children really enjoyed it & we thank the library services for their support in bringing the mobile library to the school for the Early Start. We will have an Art session in the library with the children after the mid-term break & will let you know when it is on.



<u>Clothes & Batteries Recycling</u>

Thanks to everyone who brought in clothings and other items for our recycling last week. We were delighted over all the bags that were collected.



Junior Infant CLOVER Book Project

Junior Infant children have all got their 2 lovely new books Farmer Duck) & Ten Little Seeds. *If you could not come to the meeting last Thursday please ask the class teacher for your child's pack.* We encourage you to join the library over the mid-term holidays -if you are not already a member. Please don't forget to get your special activity book stamped by the library! For animated version of stories: Farmer Duck <u>https://vimeo.com/56772821</u> Ten Little Seeds-read online www.youtube.com/watch?v=nV1wWCxC9M8

School Closures



We hope everyone has a happy & safe Halloween!

<u>Mid-term holidays</u>: 27th October-5th November. School re-opens on <u>Monday 6th November.</u>



Christmas Annuals

Peggy is taking orders in the office each morning. It is educational and fun, each annual is bursting with quizzes, fantastic facts, colouring pages, stories, great competitions & lots, lots more! This is a great way to keep busy over the Christmas holidays! There is a free pencil & wall chart with every annual. **Price:** $\notin 4$ ***See page attached***



Witches & Wizards Walk

Our annual fundraiser – The Witches and Wizards Walk, takes place this <u>Friday 27th</u> <u>October</u> weather permitting.

The children will be asked to dress up in fancy dress on that day and do a short walk, with their class, appropriate to their age. We ask families and friends to sponsor the children and we ask that the children do not go from door to door looking for sponsorship. *Each child was given a sponsorship card but we ask that only <u>1 card per family be returned to the school.</u>*



2nd Classes Maths Trail

2nd Classes went on a Maths Trail around the school over Maths Week & due to the wet weather Ms Counihan's & Ms Kivlehan's did their trails on Monday. They had a great time & won a team prize for their class. They were looking at numbers, shapes, estimating & measuring around the school. They were even looking at car registrations in the car park! We will put up some photos on the school website in the coming days.

Class Calendars



Thanks to the Parents' Association for organising the class photos last Wednesday. A special thanks to our photographers Sam & Peter for their help. Order forms will be given out once calendars are printed later in November. You will have chance to see the calendars before ordering.



Super Trooper Fitness at Home Programme

The children have now received their Super Troopers activity book & wall chart. We will be starting the programme after the midterm so please keep it in your school bag safely over the holidays. The children will fill in their activity journals every night as part of their homework. The activities will take no longer than **10-15 mins** each night. The Family Wall Chart is for all the family to join in too!



Here are some educational websites we use at school. If you have any recommendations please drop them into the suggestion box at reception. Why not check these sites out! **English**

kizphonics.com/letter-sounds-videos starfall.com (Junior & Senior Infants) abc.interactive.com doorwaysonline.org ictgames.com oxfordowl.co.uk

<u>Maths</u>

primarygames.com maths-games.org primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths

General Knowledge

peepandthebigwideworld.com kids.nationalgeographic.com activityvillage.co.uk/games

Adult Classes



After the holidays we hope to start Knitting & Crotchet Classes on Thursdays 9:15-11:30. We also hope to have English classes for our International families-dates to be confirmed. *Thanks for all your suggestions. Cooking & Fitness classes were the most popular courses* & we will do our best to run these classes over the year.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP



Why not visit the library over the mid-term break. There are lots of activities going on for adults & children. Clondalkin Library is on Monastery Road. <u>The Mobile Library is in Bawnogue on</u> <u>Thursdays :</u> Kilmahuddrick Crescent 3pm-4pm

Melrose Green 4pm-5pm Bawnogue Road 6pm-7pm (opposite the church) Cherrywood Crescent 7pm-8pm