

Newsletter 4th September 2026

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Well done to all our pupils who have settled back in so enthusiastically and quickly! The classrooms are already buzzing with activity and learning. Our learning community is full of kind, happy pupils who enjoy their days together in our lovely school. We are grateful for these super children!

"Tús maith leath na hoibre!"

Have a lovely weekend,

Deirdre Morgan

Principal

Assembly

Ms Seoighe's 6th Class led our Back to School Assembly this week. We were excited to gather together for the opening of the school year. We are learners and our job is to learn. Mistakes are to be expected. We keep trying. We believe in the power of "yet"

The young Oak tree was a strong visual reminder of how we are growing and developing as learners. If we keep trying, we can grow and learn new things. Each pupil will fill in their own oak leaf template, detailing what they would like to improve on /learn this year. We will hang these on the School Lobby Tree.

W.O.W.

Walk on Wednesday starts up again this week. We actively promote walking to school or walk and stride from the Bog Meadow. Please support us as much as you can on this. Ciaran is always on hand outside the school to ensure that your child crosses the road safely.

Lining Up

The children are welcome on the grounds to join their lines from 8.45, when myself or Ms Mc Connell are present.

3rd-6th had playtime last week on the back yard in the mornings. We will resume regular lining up from Monday and 3rd- 6th pupils should go straight to their lines from Monday.

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Please remember that we are Mobile Phone free in our school. Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones/smart watches to school.

Smart Phone Free Agreement

Our school community are part of the Smart Phone Free Childhood initiative. The school and Parents Association urge parents not to get their child a smartphone in primary school. If more parents agree to this then it makes the agreement stronger and helps to protect pupils' childhood for as long as possible.

Swimming-3rd & 4th Classes

This will resume on Monday for 3rd & 4th. We have large classes going and we will need parent volunteers to help with supervision of the lines at the pool. Ms Healy is going to act as coach this term so that the pool can accommodate our large classes. This means that Ms Carruth and Maha will need parent (vetted) volunteers to help them both before and after the swim.

Please see the email from Ms Healy and reply to Ms Healy to let her know when you can help us with this. Thank you for your support on this; swimming is a valuable part of our P.E. programme . Thanks to Ms Healy for organising the swimming each year.

Extra Curricular Timetable

You have received your timetable already from Annette. It is great to get all of these fun after-school activities up and running again.

Healthy Eating & Allergies

Our Healthy Eating Policy is on our website. Can I please remind all parents that **The following items are not allowed in school for dietary/allergy* reasons:**

- ***Nuts (including peanut butter).**
- ***Hummus**
- ***Tahini paste**
- ***Kiwi fruit**
- **Fizzy drinks, sports drinks and drinks with cordial / high sugar content.**

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- Chewing gum.
- Chocolate (including chocolate spread).
- Sweets & winders.
- Crisps & popcorn.

Safety Reminders

All visitors/ adults must come into school via the Red Door. Parent volunteers should please sign in and out of the visitors book.

If your child arrives between 8.50 am-9 am I; they should enter via their Junior /Senior Door and go to their class.

If it is after 9 am , they will need to go to the Red Door.

Please have your child in on time each morning. The time spent at the start of the day chatting to friends, getting materials out and being greeted by teacher is the best way to start their morning.

Pick Ups during the school day- no pick ups during breaktimes

We understand that you may need to pick up your child during the school day for a medical , dental appointment or for other health-reasons. As always, please try to schedule these appointments outside of the school day if at all possible .

Please be advised that no pick ups can be facilitated during breaktimes. These times are 10-50-11 & 12.30-1 pm.

If you need to pick up your child; please come before breaktimes.

Parents are not allowed to come onto the yard during playtimes . When children are on break, teachers are trying to ensure that the large number of pupils are safe , this is our priority. Thank you for your support in this regard.

****If you need to pick up your child for urgent reasons, please wait at the front gate. The teacher on yard will help you as quickly as possible .***

Volunteers

We are low on vetted volunteers. We would really appreciate it if you might get your Garda vetting organised so that we might be able to rely on you to help us out in school. The vetting forms can be picked up from Annette.

This applies particularly to classes 1st-4th, who go swimming soon. (10.30-11.30 ,Shoreline).

Our classes also need volunteers to walk to/from tennis in the Bog Meadow on Monday mornings, would you be available for this? Please get in touch if you can help on this.

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Our infant teachers will be in touch with their classes soon to ask for your help in the classroom. You will need your vetting though and it does take a few weeks to come through. Thank you ; we are always so grateful of the time that our parents give .

Class Meetings Dates; Save these dates!

You are invited to attend a Class Meeting with your child's class teacher on the dates below. We really would like to see as many parents as possible attend these meetings. You will get a valuable insight into your child's learning this year. The Curriculum is currently undergoing a huge overhaul and this is changing how we teach and what pupils learn. We want to share this with you. Your child's class teacher also would like to share their classroom expectations for your child with you as parents and partners in your child's education. The presentation will be 20 minutes in duration with a Q & A session after. *Do come along and see your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher and other parents in your child's class!*

Tues 15th September

Each meeting is held in your child's classroom

6.30 pm: 2nd Class

7.10 pm: 3rd

7.10pm : 4th

7.50 pm: 5th

7.50 pm: 6th

Tuesday 29th September

6.30 pm: Junior Infants

7.10 pm: Senior Infants

7.50 pm: 1st Class

Dates for your Diary

School Closure this Wednesday 9th September for staff training

P.A. A.G.M: Monday 5th October @ 8 pm

Halloween Spooky Walk : Date to be announced soon!

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