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SMSG Halloween Newsletter October 2026

Happy Halloween everyone!

Thank you for your support since our return to school . We have worked hard this term and all our pupils can enjoy a well-deserved break. Let's all try to get outdoors as much as possible, ditch the screens and find a good book! Enjoy the trick or treating safely !

Pumpkin Competition

The Student Council were bowled over by the number of entries to this new competition ! Thank you all for taking part. We hope that you all enjoyed working creatively as a family to get those pumpkins ready!

The student council have chosen the following winners: 1st prize:G.L,2nd Class, 2nd prize-L.K., 3rd Class , 3rd prize(joint)-W.R.O'M, Senior Infants & P.R. 1st Class .

Well done to our amazing winners!!

Spooky Walk

Thank you to our P.A. and volunteers for making this such a memorable Halloween event. We raised €4,178 . We are very grateful for your generosity

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Avondale Athletics

Well done to our fantastic runners who took part in the Avondale Cross Country Wicklow competition this week. This is a gruelling event and is highly competitive. Our pupils were so strong who took part. We enjoyed great success on the day with our 3rd Class Boys winning Bronze and our 6th Class Girls winning GOLD!

Comhgairdeas freisin to our individual winners. Thank you to Ms Healy and to Ms Carruth for their work on this.

Debate Team News

Our school debate team from 6th Class had their first Concern Debate yesterday. They opposed the motion ;"School Uniforms Are a thing of the past". They were successful in opposing the motion! Congratulations to our team; A.H,Captain,K.McG & K.R. & timekeeper E.M.

Thank you to Ms McConnell and Ms Seoighe for your work on this.

Intel Mini Scientist Exhibition

Please work on your entries over the break; this is one of our STEM highlights and we want to see as many of our middle and senior pupils take part as possible. The exhibition is on Friday 20th November from 9:15am-12:00pm. Please come along to support our scientists.

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Author Visits

We want your children to love reading as much as we do. This week, Junior and Senior Infants enjoyed their visit to the Library to meet author Gillian Perdue. Today, we were lucky to have Judi Curtin visit, co-presenting with another of our favourite authors-Sarah Webb.

Please go to Halfway up the Stairs website where you can get all the information about tomorrow's book-signing, with Judi Curtin.

Please ensure that your child enjoys reading as part of their mid-term; children of all ages need encouragement to keep up this wonderful hobby. If you are ordering books, Halfway up the Stairs are the children' s book experts and will help your child find a book to enjoy!

Admissions

Our Admissions window is now closed.Offers will be made as per our Admissions Notice. Please go to the website for further information.

Here are the dates for the Christmas Sho!ho!ho!ws.

Junior Shows (Junior Infants - 2nd Class)
Performance: Friday 4th December @ 10 am
Senior Shows (3rd-6th Class)
Performance: Thurs 17th Dec @ 7 pm
Christmas Carol Service : Mon 21st Dec @ 11.15 a.m.

Dates for the diary

Mid Term: .Re-opening Monday 2nd November
School Closure for staff training:9th November 2026
Ladies Lunch: Saturday 9th January 2027
Grandparents Day :Friday 29th January 2027

Sacraments Dates: Choir please take note of Communion Date!

First Communion: Sat 24th April .* ***Choir from 4th -6th please also save the date***

Confirmation:Thursday 18th March

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