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A Bumper Edition of our Nuachtlitir!

We have quite a few important notices in this week's Nuachtlitir!

Further details are outlined below but some of the topics include;

- Parent Teacher Meeting arrangements
- Extra Curricular / After School Activities note
- Date for last year's 6th Class Confirmation
- Parents Association Message
- Flu vaccination information for parents
- GAA blitz for Rang 1
- Spanish lessons
- Cyber Break 2021 Winners

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo is of some of our wonderful Naíonáin Bheaga showing off their favourite toys which they brought to school last week to use during lessons!

Parent/Teacher Meetings



This year, unfortunately it will not be possible to hold our usual Parent/Teacher meetings in the school as we had hoped due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, we will arrange for teachers to have meetings by phone with parents as we did last year. The meetings will take place over two afternoons on Wednesday and Thursday **November 17th and 18th**. Each child's parents will be able to book a slot on the Aladdin system which will be notified to you all this Wednesday 10th.

Once you get your invitation (all parents will be notified at the same time) you can go on to the system where you will see a bank of 10 minute slots. Simply book your slot (one for each child if you have more than one in the school) and you will receive a call at that time and date. Please note that if you have already attended or are due to attend an IEP meeting with your child's teacher this year you will not receive an invitation to book a Parent/Teacher meeting.



The teachers will be using phones with the numbers blocked for privacy reasons. When your phone rings at the allotted time be sure to pick up even when you see a blocked number. We had isolated issues last year where some parents phones would not accept calls from private numbers. We would appreciate it if you could check your phone settings before hand.

PT meeting are always a wonderful opportunity to share information about the progress of each child. Please feel free to pass on observations about your child's progress in school with the class teacher.

Many thanks to Carina for orchestrating the Aladdin system which allows us to operate smoothly in so many ways as we concentrate on trying to stay connected while physically apart. The support of parents is very much appreciated by the staff at the school and we acknowledge your commitment to the children and to the school community—go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Extra Curricular / After School Activities

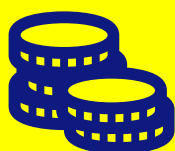


Prior to the mid-term break in October, we had hoped that we would be able to re-introduce some of our after school activities and extra curricular sporting initiatives in the school. Unfortunately, as we all know, the situation has become more uncertain in recent weeks and we have decided to shelve these activities for another few weeks. Please rest assured that as soon as we feel that it is appropriate and safe to begin our after school activities we will do so. In the meantime we will continue to do our utmost to ensure that Holy Cross is safe for all our children and staff members.

Confirmation 2020-21

Fr. John has confirmed that the Sacrament of Confirmation for last year's Rang 6 will take place later this month on **Saturday 27th November at 1:30p.m.** in Holy Cross church. It was a great pity that the class couldn't celebrate this great occasion during their final year in Holy Cross but I know they are all very much looking forward to getting back together as a class in a few weeks time. The Parish office has been in touch with each family with further details. We wish all our past pupils and their families all the very best with their preparations in the coming weeks!

Parents Association Cake Sale and Christmas Raffle



The Parents Association would like to thank everyone for their support of last month's Halloween Cake Sale. A whopping €1,065 was raised on the day! Well done everyone.

The next event on the calendar for our wonderful Parents Association will be the Annual Christmas Raffle. More details to follow regarding tickets and prizes but the Parents Association have asked that if any parent would like to donate a prize that they get in touch with Sinead via the following email; sinead.mcelroy@gmail.com
Many thanks in advance!

Flu Vaccinations



The HSE has asked that some information regarding Flu vaccinations for children this winter be circulated to parents. This info can be accessed via the link below;

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/correspondence/flu-school-letter-eng.pdf>

GAA Blitz for Rang 1



An exciting week for Ms. Reilly and Mr. Jackson's Rang 1 as both classes will take part in a GAA blitz organised by Naomh Olaf following their participation in GAA training with Chloe, our Naomh Olaf Club Coach. The Blitz takes place this Wednesday morning in Naomh Olaf GAA club. Each child will get a chance to try out their skills in a fun, inclusive format. The children will be transported by bus to and from Naomh Olaf, organised by the school. The future is bright for Naomh Olaf and the Dubs!

Spanish Lessons



Last Friday, Spanish Lessons with Mr. Pedro Fernandez began for Rang 5 & Rang 6. This is a wonderful opportunity for our senior students to learn the basics of a new language through fun activities. This will of course stand them in good stead should they continue their study of Spanish in secondary school but at the very least it will come in handy on holidays!

Cyber Break 2021 Winners



Many thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald who looks after our school Twitter account for his efforts in promoting the Cyber Safe Kids initiative - Cyber Break 2021. This encourages children to have a healthy offline/online balance in their lives. An important message that is relevant to us all. Cyber Safe Kids ran a competition for all of the Cyber Break 2021 participants and Holy Cross were selected as one of the winners and received some fantastic prizes. Some of Rang 6 are displaying the prizes below!

