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Halloween Celebrations in Holy Cross

There is great excitement in Holy Cross as we begin the final week of this half term. The children and staff were greeted this morning by some spooky displays created by our wonderfully gifted Caretaker, Paul. We are so lucky to have Paul in our school and we cannot wait to see what else he has prepared for the children later in the week.

This Friday we will have our Halloween dress up day in the school. We will have a Zombie Parade in the school yard in the morning also. This day is always one of the highlights of the school year. The good times will continue with our Parents Association Cake Sale on Friday. Children are invited to bring in a few euro to buy a few (individually wrapped!) treats when they visit Paul's surprise in the halla.

The Parents association would be grateful if any parents who wish to drop in some treats for the Cake Sale do so on Friday morning. There will be plenty of helpers to direct parents towards the drop off points which will be located in the Senior and Junior yards on Friday morning. As usual, please be mindful of ingredients if baking or buying. We have a number of children with nut and sesame allergies so please ensure these are not present in anything you are dropping off. Many sincere thanks for your support. It is sure to be a great day!

Reminder - the school will close this Friday at 2:40p.m. for the mid-term break and reopen on Monday 1st November at 8:50a.m..

PHOTO OF
THE WEEK



One of Paul's Halloween displays is our photo of the week today. This spooky scene greeted children entering the school through the office door this morning. There are a few more photos on the last page of this week's Nuachtlitir!

Safe Routes to School



Many thanks to all parents who have taken the time to fill out the short online survey. Your feedback will be used to plan and implement some changes to infrastructure in our community to ensure our children can get to Holy Cross safely. I would ask any parent who has not yet had a chance to fill out the survey to do so this week.



The survey can be accessed through the following link - <https://arcg.is/11OWSa>

Swimming



There will not be swimming lessons for Rang 1 and Rang 3 this week due to our Halloween celebrations. They will not miss out however, and their final class will be Friday 5th November.

Voluntary Contribution

We have always been extremely fortunate in Holy Cross when it comes to the generosity of parents. This generosity over the years has allowed us to continue to implement innovative ways to provide the best education possible to the boys and girls in our school.

We are very hopeful that better times lie ahead for us all. The sense of community that is so strong in our school has been a fantastic support to so many during these difficult times. As a gesture of thanks to the parents for their continued support and given the challenges that have faced all families over the last 18 months, the Board of Management has agreed to forego this year's voluntary contribution.

Out and About!

Some of our classes were out and about this week in our local area. Senior Infants visited Ballawley Park on a nature trip and our Sixth Classes went on a trip exploring types of stone used in buildings in the locality!



Hallowe'en Long Ago

Oiche Shamhna means the end of summer. Hallowe'en was also known as Púca Night or All Hallow's. It was the start of the dark half of the year. People thought that the spirit world was very close to us at this time. Children used turnips to make lanterns, they dressed up as ghosts or witches and played tricks on people. This was known as Tomfoolery.

Colcannon was a popular meal at Hallowe'en. It was made with mashed potatoes, milk, butter, onion, cabbage or kale. Snap-Apple was a popular family game. It was very bad luck to knock over a candle on Hallowe'en night! All Saints' Night is celebrated on November 1st and All Souls' Night is on November 2nd. We advise people to remember that Hallowe'en is a time for the living and the dead!

Leah and Liam -
Rang a Dó.



*Some more snaps of
Paul's Spooky
displays!*

