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Junior Infants Enrolment 2023

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2023 is now closed. We will be in contact with families with first round offers of places at the end of this week.

Welcome back to all our families and staff!

I hope everybody enjoyed a well deserved break during our mid-term last week. We are all looking forward to a very busy second half of this school term. With that in mind, please take the time to read the information & nuacht below regarding some upcoming events;

- *Maths Survey Thursday*
- PT Meetings update
- Holy Cross Way Nominees
- Spanish Lessons
- Swimming classes
- Parents Association Cake Sale
- Shoe Box Appeal



PHOTO OF THE WEEK

This week's photo is of our Holy Cross Way Raffle winners from October. These children were nominated, along with lots of their class mates, for showing great **KINDNESS** which was our focus for October. See the full list of nominees later in the Nuachtlitir!



Maths Survey Thursday

This year, as part of the School Self Evaluation (SSE) process that all schools must engage with, we are examining the area of Numeracy (Maths) in Holy Cross. SSE is a 6 stage process where once a focus has been identified, we set about gathering evidence which will inform future decisions and plans. Currently we are in the "Gathering Evidence" stage. We will be looking at the way Maths is taught in our classrooms and importantly we also wish to examine attitudes towards Maths in our school.

We are trying to get a broad range of evidential material from several diverse areas which will hopefully help us in planning for Maths in Holy Cross over the coming years. Things like the Drumcondra Standardised Assessments are useful but we also do not wish to place too much emphasis on these as they are only a snapshot of progress at a given time.

We would like to get more detailed information from you, our parents / guardians and of course, our students. With that in mind we are having a "Survey Thursday" this week, 10th November.

On Thursday, the teachers will be assigning one special piece of homework - our Maths surveys which will be sent via Aladdin to each household. There will be two surveys sent to each family. The first will be the Children's Survey. This will gather evidence from the students themselves. We ask that parents / guardians take the time to sit down with your child/children and help them answer the simple questions (it should take about 10 minutes). We would ask that if you have more than one child in our school, you fill out the survey separately with each child. Please note that it is not necessary for Junior Infant children as they are engaged with early mathematical activities at the moment and the questions may be a little difficult for them just now!

The second survey we will send out will be for parents / guardians. Again, we would ask that you fill out the survey separately for each child that you have in the school as naturally, each child will have different strengths and different areas that they find more difficult. Both surveys will be anonymous - there are no right and wrong answers!

This information will be added to info gathered from some local secondary schools with whom we are liaising, data from Standardised testing and of course, information from our wonderful teachers. We hope that the evidence collated during this step of the SSE process will provide us a good picture of what Maths looks like in Holy Cross, what are our strengths and also what areas we could improve on over the next few years.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Many thanks to all of our parents who responded to our poll regarding PT meeting preferences before the mid-term break. It would seem the majority of people prefer a face to face meeting which will be great given our inability to have parents in the school over the last few years. We will still be offering a phone call option to the parents for whom that is more suitable. There is no need to do anything further on this (other than marking the dates in the diary Wed 23rd & Thurs 24th November) until next week when there will be more information for booking a time slot.

Holy Cross Way Nominees

Ms. Hegarty & Ms

Manning

Jacob
Ryleigh
Joe
Lauren
Luke
Charlie
Eliza
Clodagh

Ms. Palmer

Amelia
Charlie
Faya
Emanuele
Sinachi
Eabha
Caitlin

Mr. Jackson

George
Olivia
Beau
Natalie
Ryan
Beth C
Sofie
Cian

Mr. Kelly

Ronan
Olivia
Muneeb
Isabelle
Harshiv
Sofia
DeLaRay
Emma

Ms. Rainey

Mazin
Síomha
Charlie
Cherise
Carrie
Cormac
Annabel
Harry

Ms. Faulkner

Evan McG
Natalia
Robin
Evan LK
Leah
James
Arsen
Emma-Jane

Mr. Clifford

Sara
Aaron
Elena
John
Advik
Eva
Cillian
Ella

Mr. Fitzgerald

Rosanna
Alex
Emma
Antoni
Grace
Alex
Freya
Darragh

Ms. O'Byrne

Anthony
Hope
Nitanje
Heyang
Adam
Alice
Ines
James

Ms. Mulhall

James
Sudhiksha
Denzel
Matthew
Harry
Maeve
Liam
Shreya

Congratulations to all of our nominees for our Holy Cross Way Roll of Honour. All of the children listed here were nominated because they went above and beyond last month in showing great **KINDNESS** to their classmates and staff in Holy Cross. They all deserve great credit.

The aspect of the Holy Cross Way we will be focusing on for the month of November is **RESPECT!**

Spanish Lessons

Today was a very exciting day for Rang 5 and Rang 6 as they began their Spanish lessons with Mr. Alonso.

This is a great opportunity for the children to try out a new language and will stand to them in the future whether they decide to study Spanish in secondary school or are just on holiday in one of the many Spanish speaking countries around the world - ¡Te deseo la mejor de las suertes!

Swimming Lessons



Swimming lessons begin for Rang 4 and Ms. Rainey's Rang 2 this Friday in DLR Meadowbrook. The classes will be brought to and from the lessons by bus from the school.

Halloween Cake Sale



On behalf of the Parents Association, I would like to thank everyone for their support of our Halloween cake Sale on Friday 28th. There was a fantastic array of goodies for sale and an impressive €1,340 was raised. Well done one and all.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to all who have kindly donated to the Hope Foundation Christmas Shoe Box Appeal - the office is jammed packed with shoeboxes! Tomorrow, Tuesday is definitely the last day for donations!