



24th October 2022



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Junior Infants Enrolment 2023



Reminder: Applications are now being accepted for next year's Junior Infant Class. The last day for applications is 31st October 2022. Please note that if you have enrolled prior to October 2022, Carina will have sent you a Confirmation of Interest form. This must also be returned by 31st October 2022.

The time continues to fly by in Holy Cross School. In this, our last edition of the Nuachtlitir before the October mid-term break, we have some important information about upcoming Parent-Teacher Meetings, Voluntary Contributions and this week's Halloween arrangements as well as our usual Nuacht!

Reminder: the school will close at 2:30pm this Friday 28th October for the mid-term break and re-open at 8:50am on Monday 7th November.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



It is that time of year again - Halloween! Our amazing Caretaker Paul has outdone himself decorating some of our entrances with spooky displays. We are very lucky to have him. Keep an eye out later in the week for some more additions!



Voluntary Contributions

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It is at this time of the year that we usually ask parents who can, to make a voluntary contribution to the school. You will remember that we decided not to ask parents for this voluntary contribution last year as we felt families had enough on their plate with the pressures caused by Covid 19. This year we have decided to forgo asking parents for this voluntary contribution again due to the increased pressure on all of our families as a result of cost of living increases.

Another factor in our decision was the news that all schools would be receiving an increase to their capitation grant this year. The capitation grant is an amount paid to schools each year which is to be used to cover the cost of running the schools and is based on the number of children attending. This grant does not usually adequately fund all of our schools' curriculum development activities. We very much welcome Minister Foley's increased capitation notice but unfortunately schools have yet to be informed as to the amount by which these monies will increase. We hope that this increase in government funding will be sufficient for us to continue the "extras" for the children in Holy Cross. It may however be necessary for us to rely upon the kindness of our parent body and request a voluntary contribution at some time in the future.

We count ourselves very lucky that we have such supportive families in Holy Cross. I wish to particularly thank our Parents' Association for their fundraising support which may prove to be even more important to the school as the year progresses.

On behalf of the Board of Management of Holy Cross School I would like to thank you sincerely for your ongoing support.

Woodlands Workshop

Today we have Clare Patton from Investigate Woodlands with us in Holy Cross. She is doing a woodlands workshop with two of our classes and focusing on the area of biodiversity which is our target for this year's Green Schools Committee. Keep an eye on the school Twitter for some photos. Many thanks to Ms. Devereux for organising.

An Garda Síochána Visit

This week our Community Guard, Ann Marie will visit the classes to chat about safety during Halloween and the dangers of fireworks and bonfires.



Parent Teacher Meetings

As you know, due to Covid 19 restrictions, we have not been able to hold November's Parent Teacher meetings in person for the last two years. Thankfully, as things have improved, we plan to go back to face to face meetings this year. We also realise from chatting to parents that the option of a phone call meeting was appreciated by some parents / guardians who found it difficult to attend the meetings in person. As a result we will offer parents the option of a face to face parent teacher meeting or a phone call meeting this year. A hybrid model!

The meetings will take place after school on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th of November. In order for us to plan appropriately for these meetings we will be sending out a poll on Aladdin to each class later this week. Very simply, we would like to know would you rather a face to face meeting with your child's class teacher or would you prefer to receive a call from the teacher at an allotted time. This information will allow us to plan appropriately. I would be grateful if you would reply to this poll on Aladdin as quickly as possible. I will have more information on booking a time for the meetings etc. after the mid term break.

Halloween Celebrations

We are all looking forward to Friday's dress up day and Cake Sale. It is always great fun in the school seeing all of the children (and maybe the teachers) dressed up for the day. The PA are arranging the cake sale and would like to share some further details below.

The PA committee are really looking forward to the annual Cake Sale on Friday! They will be in the Halla first thing that morning so you can drop in your bakes and treats, hopefully stay for a cup of coffee and pick up some extra bakes they'll have for sale.

If any children have particular dietary requirements (e.g. Gluten Free/allergies) parents can drop in their specific treats with the names attached and the committee will ensure they get them when they visit the Halla with their class.

It'd be great if all the children can remember to bring in €3 each and a spare lunchbox to transport their goodies in!

GAA this Week

Unfortunately, due to the bad weather last week, Rang 2's Blitz in Naomh Olaf had to be postponed. Chloe is hopeful we will be able to run it again later in the year.

Our Junior Football team have their last match of the season tomorrow afternoon. Throw in is at 3pm in Deer Park. The children will return to school between 4:15-4:30pm. The teachers will let the players know who will be traveling to the match. The girls and boys have represented their school so well over the past few weeks and we are very proud of them. If you are free tomorrow afternoon be sure to pop down and cheer on the team!



TEAM HOPE
Helping vulnerable children overseas

THE 4W's

These are some ideas of things you might fill your Team Hope Christmas Shoebox with:

<p>WRITE</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pens/Pencils Crayons Paper/Copy Books Colouring Books Markers Sharpener Erasers 	<p>WASH</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soap (wrapped) Hairbrush Comb Toothbrush Toothpaste Facecloth
<p>WEAR</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Socks Underwear Flip Flops Hat Scarf Gloves 	<p>WOW</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cuddly Toy Skipping rope/Yo-yo Sweets (in date until 04/22) Musical Instrument Sunglasses Toy Car Doll Ball

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE:
Please do not send liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

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Christmas Shoebox appeal

The last day for Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox appeal is Monday 7th (the Monday we come back after the mid term break). Shoeboxes can be brought in to school and we will arrange collection. Team Hope have sent on some reminders for what can go in the shoeboxes below