

Presentation P.S. Hallowe'en 2011

New School Year

We were delighted to welcome pupils, new and old, and their families to our school in September. Everyone settled in well and it is hard to believe all that has happened in two months! The most obvious issue on 31st August was possibly the scaffolding and building works. The flat roof which had served its purpose for approx. forty years was being replaced by a new pitched roof. The job has been completed now and reaction from children and adults is very positive. Thank you to the construction workers, pupils, families, carers and staff for the extra effort involved in ensuring everything was safe for all.

Another change was that of principal! Norberta O'Gorman retired at the end of August and Mairéad Conway began her new role as principal of the school. Congratulations to both and we wish them the very best in their new endeavors.

Attendance

We encourage pupils to attend school when they are well and to aim to have a very good attendance record. Good school attendance ensures steady progress in school and helps children form good habits that will help them through life. Good attendance also helps children to get on well with their friends and to feel part of everything that is going on. Thank you to Ms. Ann Doyle who prepares attendance certificates for pupils who have full attendance every month. Well done to all for making the effort.

Swimming

Pupils in Rang 4 agus Rang 6 have been enjoying swimming lessons every Thursday as part of their PE programme. Thank you to the parents who help or call in to see how the lessons are going. Other classes will avail of the opportunity in November.

Maths Week

Maths Week 2011 demonstrated the fun side of Maths. with many pupils sharing Mathematical jokes and puzzles. Coincidentally, Ms. Skehan enrolled the school in a board-game blitz, so Friday saw pupils bringing their favourite board-games to school. Needless to say, this was a popular, fun-filled event.

Healthy Lunches

Thank you to class teachers who regularly teach children about nutrition and encourage them to bring healthy lunches to school. Well done to all the parents and guardians who provide the healthy lunches.

Something to buzz about!

We were delighted to have winners among our young artists who entered the art competition run by The Bee Association as part of their recent show. In the U7 category, 2nd and 3rd place went to Saloni Adurkar and

Jayden Mullery-Farrell respectively. 2nd and 3rd prizes in the 10-12 year category were awarded to Courtney McGuire and Amy Hogg respectively, with Jade Gill winning Very Highly Commended. Well done all!

Cross Country

On Wednesday 19th October senior pupils represented the school at the Schools' Cross Country Competition. The races were held in Marlfield and all enjoyed the bright autumnal weather. Well done to all who ran so well on the day. Thank you to Ann Doyle, Norberta O'Gorman and Edel Nolan for accompanying the girls to the event. This year the girls took part in weekly training sessions since September so thank you to Geraldine Canty, Ann Doyle, Jeanette O'Dwyer, Róisín Moroney and Patricia Mulcahy for giving their time to the lunchtime training sessions.

Sing, sing a song....

5th and 6th Class pupils are looking forward to a forthcoming trip to see a performance of "High School Musical". The show will be performed by pupils of the Presentation Secondary and the High School, Clonmel later this week and promises to be lively and entertaining. It is always wonderful to see some of our past pupils using their talents in such an entertaining, creative venture. Congratulations to 5th Class teacher, Lisa O'Brien who is involved in producing and directing the show.

Happy News

Congratulations to staff members Claire Keane, Michelle Carey and Angela Daly who gave birth to babies in recent months. We wish the babies, Darragh, Méabh and Sally, their parents and families every blessing now and always.

Creative Poets

Congratulations to three girls from last year's 6th Class who won prizes in a poetry and drawing competition they entered in June. The competition, run by the South Tipperary Volunteer Centre, asked young people to give their ideas about what it means to be Irish in 2011. The prize-giving ceremony was held in late September and to their great delight, Vivienne Canty and Olivia Tobin won money prizes for coming 1st and 2nd prize respectively in the senior category. Sarah Last won the overall individual prize of a bike! Congratulations to the girls and their families.

Here is Sarah's winning poem, reproduced with her kind permission.

What it means to be Irish

*Being Irish
Makes me proud,
It makes me want to
Scream out Loud!
"I am Irish!"
That's who I am,
The Irish potatoes,
The little spring lambs,
The Irish flag,
St. Patrick's Day,
The Holy Cross
And Galway Bay!
The Volunteers
Trócaire, Concern,
They are so helpful,
From these we can learn.
We welcome different
people
From other countries
From all across the world
And from overseas.
I'm proud to be Irish,
It means a lot to me,
Oh what it means to be
Irish!
Why not come and see!
By Sarah Last*

Retirement

We wish our colleague, Ann Doyle, the very best on her retirement. Ann will finish her teaching career this coming Friday. The pupils will, I am sure, keep families aware of the little celebrations that will happen this week as we thank Ann for over 27 years of wonderful work given to the school. Go néirí an bóthar leat, a Áine!

Midterm Break

School will be closed this coming Thursday, 27th October to facilitate the presidential elections. School will be open for the full school day on Friday 28th October, with midterm starting at 2.50 pm that day. The school will reopen on Monday 7th November. We wish all our pupils, families and staff a safe and happy break.