

Presentation P. S. Hallowe'en 2014

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! Displays on the walls have changed from sea scenes to autumnal trees to pumpkins, ghosts and witches. Yes, the mid-term break is almost here and everyone is excited at the thoughts of dressing up on Friday.

Attendance

We encourage pupils to attend school when they are well and to aim to have a very good attendance record. Children find lessons easier when they are in school every day as they do not miss any key steps. Children also find it easier to connect with their

classmates and feel part of school life.

Swimming

Pupils in Rang 5 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 2014 demonstrated the fun side of Maths. with classes doing extra activities, games or exercises. Here is a little puzzle for the whole family. *There is a basket containing 5 apples. How do you divide the apples among 5 children so that each child has 1 apple while 1 apple remains in the basket?*

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 and make such an effort.

Cross Country

On Wednesday 22nd October, 40 senior pupils represented the school at the Schools' Cross Country Competition. The races were held in Marlfield and all enjoyed the bright, dry weather. Well done to the girls who ran well in very competitive conditions. Thank you to Berna, Ms. Lonergan and Mrs. Lambert for accompanying the girls to the event. This year the girls took part in lunchtime training sessions so thank you to all staff involved, especially Ms. O'Dwyer and Berna who organised teams, training and other preparations.

A Treat Morning

5th and 6th Class pupils thoroughly enjoyed the performance of "I will follow

hymn", this year's show by pupils of the Presentation Secondary and the High School. This lively and entertaining show was a delight from beginning to end and left the audience humming happily hours after the showing. There was much to be appreciated between singing, dancing, set design, costume and storyline. It is always wonderful to see some of our past pupils using their talents in such an entertaining, creative way.

Green Schools

Best of luck to Ms. Keane and the Green Schools' Committee as they embark on the quest for the fourth green flag. This time the theme is saving energy on travel so we will be examining our transport habits to see if we can make changes that make a difference. Expect to hear more over the coming months.

Money sent to Lorevi

Thank you to last year's Rang 4 who organised a fundraiser for Lorevi last June. We started paying for Lorevi's

education in the Philippines last year and are committed to helping her attain primary and secondary education as her family cannot afford the costs. We are grateful to pupils throughout the school who added their support and participated enthusiastically in the Crazy Hair and Cake Bake Day. A total of 408 euro was raised and the money was given to Presentation sister, Sr. Helen Lenehan, at Assembly in late September. Sr. Helen shared some stories with the girls and explained why education is costly in the Philippines and how Lorevi and her family will benefit from our gift.

Roots of Empathy

Rang 4 recently started a programme called 'Roots of Empathy'. The programme is facilitated by a nurse, Bernadette May, and aims to raise social/emotional competence and increase empathy among young people. The girls are delighted with the programme, especially with the recent visit of baby James and his mother, Linda. Three month old

James, brother of Layla Browne in Rang 1, loved his first visit to school and smiled happily which made the rest of us feel happy too!

Midterm Break

School will close at 2.50 p.m. on Friday 24th October and will reopen on Monday 3rd November. We wish all our pupils, families and staff a safe and happy break.

Answer to puzzle:

4 children get 1 apple each while the fifth child gets the basket with the remaining apple still in it.

(Well? What do you think of that? Did you figure it out?
Well done!)