



Presentation Primary School

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Presentation Primary School Newsletter 2nd October 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! We are now well over a month back at school, and I am delighted to see how well the children have settled in. The Presentation Primary School has been a hive of activity since our return on the 29th of August, and I'd like to share some key updates with you.

SNA Appreciation Day

On the 10th of September, we were thrilled to welcome the Beat FM breakfast crew to our school to celebrate the invaluable work of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs). Our wonderful SNAs—Berna, Trish, Anastasia, Emma, and Linda—were treated to a special morning and some well-deserved recognition. We also celebrated National SNA Appreciation Day on the 26th of September by spoiling them with treats. Their dedication is truly appreciated every day.

Music Generation

Our Junior and Senior Infants have started their Music Generation lessons with Sophie, and it's been a hit! The children are enthusiastically engaging with activities like listening, responding, playing instruments, and performing. At the end of the lessons, they will present a small performance to showcase their new skills—so stay tuned for more details!

Say Yes to Languages

Students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th classes have embarked on a 10-week block of

French lessons with Clarisse. Every Monday, they participate in an engaging one-hour session to explore this beautiful language. We've already seen great enthusiasm from the students as they dive into their lessons.

Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football

Our Under 13 Gaelic football team had a fantastic day on the field on Monday, 30th September, winning all three of their matches! They triumphed against Fethard NS, Gaelscoil Cluain Meala, and St. Olivers, progressing to the County semi-finals. Maith sibh cailíní!!

Our Under 11 team will compete in their first blitz on the 11th of October, and we wish them the very best of luck.

Peace Proms

We are thrilled to announce that our 3rd and 4th classes have been selected to participate in the Peace Proms Cross Border Orchestra once again this year. The girls are very excited, and rehearsals have already begun. They will travel to SETU Waterford for a rehearsal on the 20th of November, and the concert will take place on the 26th of January. Tickets will be available for purchase closer to the event. Last year's concert was a huge success, and we're sure this year will be just as special.

Sensory Garden Update

Our Sensory Garden is really coming along, and we couldn't be more pleased with its progress. You may have noticed that we've flattened the ground, installed a lovely winding path through a variety of



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trees and flower beds, and added secure fencing with a locked gate to ensure it's a safe space for all the children. During the Summer Programme, our students planted a variety of flowers and herbs that are now thriving.

Unfortunately, we have now reached the point where our fundraising money has been fully spent. To complete the project, we aim to add outdoor seating, musical instruments, and vegetable beds, but we currently lack the necessary funding. I will be reaching out to local businesses for sponsorship, and if you know of any business that may be in a position to help, please contact the school office. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Communion and Confirmation Dates

- **First Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony** for all three schools in the parish: Sunday, 20th October at 10:30am.
- **First Penance** for Presentation P.S and St. Mary's: Wednesday, 2nd April at 7:30pm.
- **First Holy Communion** for Presentation P.S and St. Mary's: Saturday, 24th May at 11:00am.
- **Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony** for all three schools: Sunday, 1st December at 10:30am. Dates for the Confirmation and Service of Light are yet to be confirmed.

Morning Drop-offs

Please remember that morning drop-offs can be made between 8:50am and 9:10am. Once you have dropped your child off in the school yard, we kindly ask that you

exit promptly to allow teachers to supervise the children. A quick and clear drop-off helps to maintain a smooth and safe start to the school day.

Attendance

We will soon be announcing our winning classes for the best attendance during September. Please remember that for every 5 days of missed school, a child loses a week of learning. We encourage parents to avoid booking holidays during term time unless absolutely necessary. Regular attendance is key to your child's success!

School Self-Evaluation

This school year, we will continue to focus on three areas of development:

1. **English as an Additional Language:** We are enhancing our teaching and learning approaches for children learning English.
2. **Gaeilge:** We're embedding more informal spoken Gaeilge (Gaeilge Neamhfhoirmiúil) throughout the school and focusing on improving writing genres.
3. **Wellbeing:** We are also promoting student voice and are excited to be in the process of setting up a Student Council. The pupils have wonderful ideas, and we are eager to work with them.

New Maths Curriculum

We are actively embedding the new primary Maths curriculum in the school, and the children are enjoying activities such as Maths Talk and problem-solving using a variety of materials. We also look



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forward to celebrating Maths Week in the school from 14th – 18th October.

Please note that the school will be closed on **9th May 2025** to facilitate staff training on this new curriculum.

Parents Council & Christmas Cards

Our first Parents Council meeting is tonight at 7:30pm in the Lunchroom, and all parents are welcome. The Parents Council will be organising a winter coat and outdoor gear collection during this term. If you have any coats or wet gear in good condition that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations, which can be dropped off at the office.

Finally, all students are currently designing their own Christmas cards, which will be professionally printed and available for purchase. All profits made will go towards our Sensory Garden project, so it's a lovely way to support our school while getting into the festive spirit! We will also be donating a percentage of the profits to Enable Ireland.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life.

Warm regards,
Tanya O'Brien
Principal