Welcome back to everyone after the mid term break. We will have a busy few weeks ahead with Parent Teacher meetings, Peace Proms, Anti-Bullying week and other initiatives before Christmas season takes over.

Digital technology survey

Thank you to all those who responded to Mrs. Bell's survey on Digital Learning. We will use some of this data to inform our new Digital Learning Plan.

Anti bullying week

While bullying is not tolerated any day of the year, next week is the official 'Anti-Bullying week'. We have a range of activities, lesson plans and art competitions organised for the week. The theme we are using is 'Scoil Mhuire le chéile'

Primary School Influenza Vaccination Program

The LAIV nasal spray is a free flu vaccination for children and is available through your pharmacy or GP. We will not be offering this program through the school

Frasai na seachtaine (phrase of the week)

An féidir liom..mo leabhar a fháil? – Is / Ní féidir leat

Can i ...get my book? - You can /You can't

Morning supervision

Our insurance company, Allianz, have advised the following circular:

The school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9:10 am and cannot accept responsibility for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 and end at 3.00. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 3.00p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

Please contact the office if you have any concerns or objections around this arrangement.

Parent Teacher meetings

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on the week beginning 18th November. Meeting slots were opened up to parents with 3 or more children on Wednesday, 2 or more yesterday and will be open to each parent at 3:30pm today.

Presentation of medals

John Doyle was on hand today to present our victorious U11s Girls footballers with their Cuman na mBunscoil medals. Photos will become available on our X page.

Car parking

Please park only in designated parking spaces. Some people are double parking which is stopping the flow of traffic and preventing the Creche bus from collecting children.

General election

The General election has finally been confirmed for Friday 29th November. As our school is normally used as a polling station it is likely that we will be closed on that day.

MS Readathon

“Reading is the gateway skill that makes all other learning possible," — Barack Obama.

The Readathon is in full swing, and the amount of reading happening across the school is truly inspiring! We’re thrilled to see students immersed in books, sharing recommendations, and engaging in lively book discussions with friends. It’s wonderful to see the joy they’re finding in books—well done to all the children for their enthusiasm!

If your child isn't reading daily, or if they’re younger and you’re not reading to them yet, we strongly encourage you to make it a part of your routine. While fundraising is optional, the reading is not. At the beginning of December, we’ll collect sponsorship cards and any contributions from those who have chosen to raise funds. Until then, please continue logging each book that your child reads. You do not need to register your child on the readathon website, we have registered as a school and that is why your child brought home a physical card.

Audio books count as books too and for free access to thousands of books download and login to the app "Borrowbox" with your free library card.

Thank you, parents, for your fantastic support in fostering a love for reading at home.

Internet Safety Training Session from the National Parents Council.

With Anti-Bullying week around the corner and in light of some of the responses to our Digital Learning Plan survey we are organising an Internet Safety training session for parents in the next few weeks. We will host the session in our school at 8pm on a date to be decided.

This training session looks at how children use the internet. Parents will be introduced to strategies to help their children to be responsible, effective and safer Internet users. The session also looks at the issue of cyber bullying. As parents, it is vital to have good, open communication with your child about their internet lives, like all other aspects of their lives. It encourages talking to your child about the potential dangers that they may come across online as well as the many benefits they will find. The session covers how to set rules and boundaries around children’s Internet usage to help keep them safe on-line

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