



Mid-November Newsletter

November 15th 2023

School News



School Awards- October 2023. Well done to our award winners last month. We were working hard on the value of **Respect**. In November, we are promoting co-operation and continue to focus on Kindness and Respect. Anti-bullying is also a focus this month.

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Respect Award
Junior Infants Noreen/Sinead G.	Jeremiah	Aria	Krzys
Junior Infants Elaine	Logan	Celia	Alfie
Junior Infants Clare Sinead S.	Charley	Robin	Emma
Senior Infants Carolina	James	Matthew	Evan
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Edie	Carter	Rajveer
1 st Class Rob P.	Patrick K.	Belle	Frankie
1 st Class Clare	Carlos Ruben	James	Vritee
2 nd Class Angela (Olivia)	Auro	Reuben	Maya
2 nd Class Jennifer	Matilda	Sam	Sofia
3 rd Class Rob L.	Yesha	David	Vishel Noel
3 rd Class Jacinta	Kira	Sabin	Breno
4 th Class Aimee	Enjuan	Erika	Eoin
4 th Class Dave	Tara & Melissa	Amelie	Leo
5 th Class Tom	Pranav	Senan	Julia
6 th Class Sue	Noa	Ruhaan	Daniel
6 th Class Laoise	Sarah	Luka	Idoia
Butterfly Class			Feranmi

Carpark: A request to parents/guardians to switch off their car engines when not in use, to limit air pollution. Also, a reminder that there is no access to the carpark between the hours of **8:45am -12:45pm** and **1:25pm- 1:45pm for safety reasons**. Gates will be opened to allow for home time pick-ups @ 12:40pm and 1:40pm. This leaves a full half hour and therefore parents/guardians do not need to form queues along the main road. Thank you for your co-operation.

****Reminder School Requisite Fees**- 2023/2024:** Thank you to the parents/guardians who have supported the school to date with school requisite fees via Aladdin. If you are having any difficulties with making payments, please contact the school office and we can support you with **a payment plan**. These funds are important to us as they allow us to purchase art and craft materials, they support photocopying, printing, ICT equipment, pupil insurance, sports equipment, resources for the classrooms etc. We rely on these funds as the Department of Education do not cover such costs.



School Choir

Congratulations to the Glór and Le Chéile choirs on their excellent Halloween performance for the school. The Glór choir sang 'This is Halloween' and the Le Chéile choir sang 'Spooky Scary Skeletons'. Choir practice will resume on Tuesday the 14th of November and the choirs will begin preparations for the Winter Concert.

Christmas Clothes Sale

(Student Council)

Please donate old Christmas clothes & accessories



SALE

Monday 27th of November

Cost €3 per item

Money raised will be used to purchase NEW maths materials

PTA/BOM NEWS

The Spooky Walk was a great success raising €3,707.42. This will go towards maths equipment for the school. Thanks to all that attended, especially those that volunteered.

In addition to the online petition, the PTA submitted a letter to KCC regarding the delays to the cycle / pedestrian route upgrade on the Celbridge Road.

The next PTA meeting will be on the 29th November @ 8pm online

The agreed Board Of Management report from our October meeting can be found [here](#)

CLASS NEWS

The **Junior Infants** had a great first half term in **Elaine's class**. We have worked on **class expectations, Kindness & Respect**. We have been working extra hard on Yard to put these into practice each day.

In **Aistear** we had lots of fun exploring the topics of Home, School, Autumn and Halloween through play. In Maths we have had lots of fun sorting, matching, making sets and the class really enjoyed all the fun Math's week activities. Thanks to the older classes for bringing us on maths trails. In **Gaeilge** (Irish) we have lots of new words and phrases, poems and songs, the children are loving learning a new language! We made a timeline in History with our baby and now photos and talked about how much we have grown and changed and all the things we can do now that we are going to school. We did a tour of our school, learned the name of our school, school principal, secretary, caretaker and lots of other people who work in our school.

Sinéad Staunton's Junior Infant Class have begun working on **phonics** this month and are really enjoying learning new letter sounds and words. They are working at different stations to help them learn how to write each letter. They cannot wait to learn even more new letters this term!



Caterpillar Class:

The Caterpillars Class really enjoyed Halloween activities before midterm. They enjoyed making monster teeth, sensory spider jelly as well as the Halloween songs and stories. We are currently exploring the theme of winter.



Science Abounds- Science week is here and there is lots of work happening within the school. Big thanks to Sinéad Garry and Robert Potter for co-ordinating the week. Last week our 4th classes (Aimee's and Dave's classes) displayed their amazing work. They were participating in the Intel Mini- Scientist Competition. The presentations were remarkable, and I would like to congratulate the pupils, parents and teachers for all their inspiring work, which they shared with pupils right across the school. The children began working in groups on the projects back

in October. With their groups the children brainstormed ideas and decided on a topic for their science project. Using Teams and PowerPoint the children documented their research, designed and made wonderful displays. On Monday the 6th of November the judges visited the school where they talked to all groups, they questioned the groups and picked a winning project. All groups did an amazing job and everyone was very impressed with the variety and high-standards of the projects'.

Well done to the winning group who designed a Van de Graaff generator. They will process to the regional finals in December.



Dates for your Calendar this term!

The following events are planned for this school term.

Please note that although unlikely, they may be subject to change

Science Week/Anti-Bullying Week- 13th-17th November

Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings (excluding infants)- Week of Nov. 20th

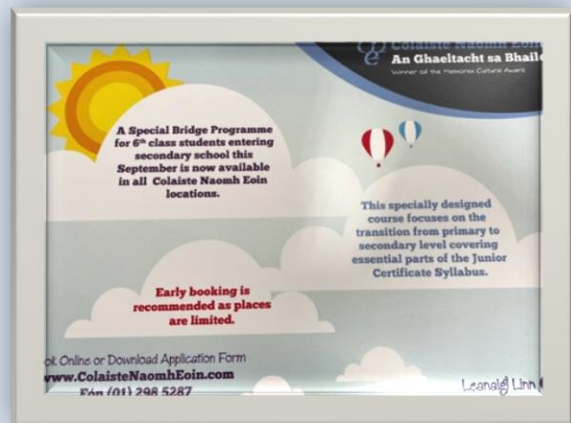
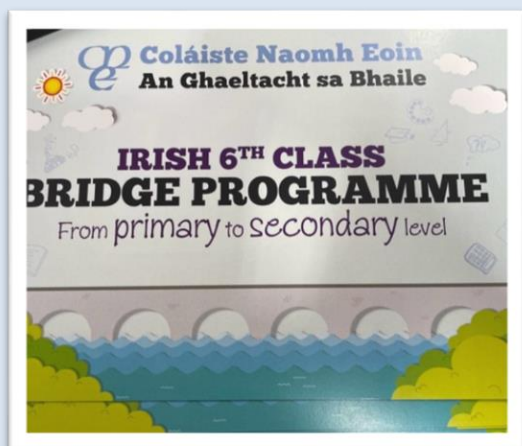
Winter shows-12th December (Junior infants-2nd class) 13th December (3rd-6th class)

Timetable to follow very soon.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hall Rental. Would you or someone you know be interested in renting our school hall? We hope to begin renting our hall to clubs/community groups on weekdays between 2:10pm and 6pm. Please contact the school office for more details and availability.

Coláiste Naomh Eoin-Irish 6th Class Bridge Programme. Details Below



Shoe Box appeal: Well done to all our pupils who created a shoe box for Team Hope. Your kindness will be most appreciated I am sure.



Lorraine Murray

(Principal)