

Scéalta Scoile

Dear parents,

The week of good weather we had recently was a tantalising glimpse of what the summer could have been! Now, it seems, we're straight into a damp and dismal winter. Hopefully, the pitch won't get too muddy, and the children will still be able to go out and play on it. We painted a lot of the school to the rear (thanks Lorna) and it's made a big difference. Our outdoor classroom is looking extra-smart, especially with the beautiful plants in bloom there now.

We hope that parents enjoyed a less expensive return to school this September, with the free book scheme in operation for the first time. There was a charge of €21.40 for arts and crafts, pupil insurance (see below) and photocopying. After that, the school (e.g. Melissa!) provided all books, workbooks, copies and, depending on the class, other classroom items.

Guitar, keyboard and GAA are all back up and running. No rest for the wicked!

Mark Kelly, Príomhoide.

Allianz Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

Just a reminder that all pupils are now covered by the Allianz Pupil Insurance for the forthcoming year. This policy provides cover for medical and dental expenses 24/7, 365 days a year, and has saved many parents a lot of money. Please contact us if your child has incurred a medical expense and we will furnish you with a claims form. It can save families a lot of money.

Morning Supervision

Please remember that there is no supervision by staff before 8.55am. We ask that pupils do not arrive earlier than this for their own safety. Please remind children to stay on the path and not to run around the prefab or swing from the bars.



Upcoming Events

October 14th – 22nd

Maths Week

October 30th – November 3rd

Halloween Break



Student Council

2nd to 6th class will elect their student council representatives shortly. Each class elects two representatives, a boy and a girl. The student council holds its meetings in the staffroom and discusses issues that the principal or children raise. The student council gives children a voice regarding school matters, and we try to address any concerns or suggestions they have (within reason).

New Staff

We would like to give a warm welcome to three new staff members who have begun teaching with us this year.

Ms. Rachel Kehoe was appointed as a permanent member of staff and is teaching senior infants this year. Ms. Claire McNulty will be teaching in the special educational needs area, and Ms. Róisín Cooney will be teaching 1st class.

New Uniform

Our new uniform is now in place. Hopefully, it will allow our children to be active in school and at breaktime, and have lots of fun in the field and yard. The uniform is:

- Navy, crested crewneck.
- Plain navy tracksuit bottoms (loose – no leggings) or shorts (mid-thigh, loose – no leggings).
- White polo shirt.



We try and keep costs down for parents by specifying non-branded tracksuit bottoms and shorts.

Board of Management

The term of office of all primary school boards of management will come to an end on 30th November 2023. School principals and current chairpersons will receive information in the coming weeks which will outline the steps and any deadlines involved in the process. The Bishop of Ferns has asked that priests should not hold the office of chairperson after this date because of the huge workload that they are already undertaking.



GAA News

The Rackard League is in full swing, and we have Rising Stars and Mini 7s matches too. Buses are proving very difficult and costly to source.

Many thanks to Mr. Moore, Ms. Dempsey, Ms. Cooney, Ms. McNulty and Mr. Coffey for their work with the children after school.

