



St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

Newsletter November 2020

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants 2021/22. Go to the Enrolments section of our website at stannesns.weebly.com to find our Annual Admission Statement, Admission Policy and Enrolment forms. Alternatively, enrolment forms can be collected from Jenny in the school office.

Congratulations

Congratulations to both Ms. McCoy and Mr. Codd on the birth of their baby sons Billy and Jess Óg. Congratulations also to Ms. Fitzharris on her recent marriage. We wish her and husband Ray every happiness.

Voluntary Contribution

The Board of Management acknowledge the fantastic generosity of the families of St Anne's in contributing financially to the school. Each year we ask for a Voluntary Contribution of €70 per family. This essential funding goes towards the purchasing of additional teaching resources. For example, last year the school invested in over €36,000 worth of I.T. equipment. The school received an I.T. Grant of €11,364 from the Department of Education and the Parents' Association contributed €9,000. The balance was made up of school funds of which the Voluntary Contribution Fund was a major part. Without this additional income from each family we simply wouldn't be able to purchase all these extra resources which enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. The Voluntary Contribution can be paid by cash or cheque to the school office or by epayments. A text message with a link will be sent out in the next day or two.

Supervision & Car Parking

Once again, a gentle reminder to collect your children from the church gate on time.

We would ask parents to co-operate with the following in the interest of all the pupils' safety;

- Enter the Church carpark through the centre gate and exit through the gate nearest the school.
- Park into spaces rather than pulling up and stopping.
- Don't park in the designated area reserved for bus parking.
- Exercise extreme caution when reversing/turning in the carpark.
- Collect your children from the school/church gate and give regular reminders to them in relation to walking safely through the Church carpark.

Trick or Treat for Temple Street

Well done to all who dressed up for Hallowe'en and brought in money for Temple Street Children's Hospital. Altogether €396 was raised.

Concern Debating Competition 2020/21

The Concern Debating League continues in 6th Class. The first debate against Murrintown NS took place on Tuesday, 13th October. Ms. Barry's and Ms. Ambrose's 6th classes did a huge amount of work, researching the motion 'Junk food should be banned from schools.' Well done to Liam Benson(captain), Emily Martin and Aoife Ryan who showed fantastic debating skills on the day. The adjudicator was extremely impressed. However, we were defeated by the narrowest of margins. John Donohoe, Pearl Redmond and Billy Cunningham will go head to head on Friday, 13th November against Castletown NS. The motion for this debate is 'The voting age should be lowered to 16'. We wish them the very best of luck.

School Jerseys

The Board of Management, teachers and pupils would like to thank Brendan Sidney of **Retrofit Ireland** who has very kindly offered to sponsor a new set of jerseys for the school. We decided to go for an alternative strip and Mr. Murphy asked the 6th class pupils to come up with an original design. Liam Benson's jersey, which combines sky blue and black with a red trim, beat off some stiff competition. The red is included to commemorate the first school team to win a Rackard League Competition, the District Hurling Title in 1979. The team actually wore red jerseys! Well done Liam. The design has now been submitted to O'Neills. We are all looking forward to the day, hopefully in the not too distant future, when our school teams can wear the new jersey with pride.



1979 Schools District Hurling Winning team trained by the late, great Jack Berry

Back row (left to right) Ger Jordan, Seamus Berry, John Ffrench, Patrick Moore, Shane Walsh, Donal Ryan, Martin Egan, Mick Carthy, Eamonn Colloton and Kevin Byrne.

Front Row Pat Ffrench, John Murphy, Eamonn Jones, Pat Gaul, Liam Murphy, John McDermott, Liam Gaynor, Michael Murphy and Laurence Scallan.

Active News

European week of sport –This year we marked the European week of sport by focusing on some fundamental movements in September and October. Each class completed a relay with their chosen skills around the school/pitches.

November – From November the 9th to December the 4th, each class will commit to an active break every day (or as much as possible) for this 4-week stint. We also hope to make the last Friday of every month a 'Feel Good Friday' with some shared school active challenge.

Health-Promoting News

This year we are working towards the Amber Flag as part of our Health-Promoting Schools initiative. This flag promotes the awareness of looking after our mental health.

Attendance

Days missed as a result of pupils restricting their movement or self-isolating due to Covid-19 will be treated separately from a reporting point of view. Therefore, it is very important that all absences be explained with a note to the class teacher.

Dates for your diary

- **Friday 20th** of November- school closes for all pupils @ **1pm** to facilitate teacher **in-service**
- Friday 27th of November- Parent /Teacher meetings **cancelled**
- Tuesday 22nd of December- School closes for Christmas Holidays @ **1pm**

