



# St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

## Newsletter October 2021

### Lunch Time Leagues

After a Covid enforced break of almost two years, our Lunch Time Football Leagues resumed last week. Mr. Murphy has divided the boys and girls into 6 teams; - Wexford, Mayo, Kerry, Tyrone, Dublin and Galway. Mayo appear to be the team to beat so far with three wins from three. We are delighted to be able to play our games on the school field and put our new goalposts to good use.



One of our 4 new goalposts sponsored by **F&M Whelan**

### Parents' Association

Thanks to all who supported the PA's "Cash for Clothes" fundraiser. €688 was raised to go towards school funds.

### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys and girls of 3rd Class who finally made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> of September. Thanks to Fr. Ryan for the lovely ceremony and to Ms. Clancy for her hard work in preparing the pupils. Special thanks to Ms. Fitzharris, Ms. McCoy and Ms. Kehoe for the beautiful musical accompaniment.

### Book Bills

Thanks to all who have paid their book bills so promptly. As well as a Book Rental Fee, the Book Bill includes Personal Pupils Insurance at €8 which affords your child 24hr cover 12 months of the year. We also request €15 for art and crafts materials and €15 for photocopying. These items are much needed funds as, for example, our annual photocopying bill is in excess of €6000. The vast majority of this photocopying is comprised of worksheets for classes, pupils' project work and other classroom resources. We would ask those with outstanding Book Bills to pay as soon as possible. Some parents/guardians may find it difficult to pay Book Rental Bills at the beginning of the school year for various reasons – e.g. large number of children attending school, single parent families, medical cardholders, unemployment, etc. If you require assistance, please contact the principal (if you have not already done so), as a limited amount of money is made available by the Department to help in such circumstances. Confidentiality is assured.

### **Hallowe'en Dress Up**

As usual, the pupils can dress up on the Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) before the Hallowe'en Break. We are asking each child to bring €2, which will be donated towards the upkeep of the defibrillator located on the school grounds.

### **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**

Information leaflets were sent home in the school bags on Monday. If you wish to take part, please return shoeboxes to the school office on or before 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **Teacher appointments made through the office**

St. Anne's N.S. has a welcoming ethos and we are always open to concerns/information about children in our classes. However, we are also conscious of our supervisory role to all children once the bell goes at 9.20am. Therefore, we ask that if you need to speak to a teacher, requiring a lengthy conversation, you contact the school secretary Jenny in the office and an appointment can be made to meet at an agreed time. This ensures that you get our full attention and the important business of teaching and learning in the classrooms is not interrupted.

### **Health and Safety**

Just a reminder that Rathangan NS has many pupils with serious **nut allergies** and, as such, nuts and foods containing nuts are not permitted. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation in this matter.

### **School Jerseys**

Last school year Brendan Sidney of **Retrofit Ireland** kindly sponsored an alternative, predominantly black set of jerseys for the school teams. In anticipation of a return to competitions after Christmas, we are wondering if anyone is interested in sponsoring another set in the traditional light blue and navy colours. If so, please contact the school office.

### **Emergency Closure**

ESB networks have notified us that there will be no electricity in the school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October. Consequently, the school will be closed on this day.

### **Book Fair/Readathon**

As part of our school plan to develop literacy, we intend to hold a Book Fair and a Readathon after the midterm break. More details will be sent home next week.

### **Absent Notes**

Under section 21 of the Education Welfare Act 2000, the Board of Management must submit an annual attendance record with details of pupils who have been absent for **20 days** or more. A note of explanation is required if your child has been absent. The best way to do this is via your **Aladdin Connect** app. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of October- school closes at 2pm for all pupils to facilitate staff meeting
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of October- emergency closure due to ESB notification
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break at **3pm** as normal
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December- School closes for Christmas Holidays @ 1pm

