



# St. Anne's National School

Roll No; 19317K

## Newsletter October 2023

### Maths Week

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> was Maths Week Nationwide. Ms. Power outlined at assembly on Monday morning all the activities she had organised for the week. On Tuesday we had maths themed PE lessons for classes. Wednesday we focused on a maths based art lesson. Maths quizzes were planned for Thursday and on Friday we had maths stations in the GP Room where pupils explored Make & Design activities. Huge thanks to Ms. Power for organising Maths Week 23.

### School Bill

Thanks to all who have paid their school bill of €30 so promptly. The bill covers the additional costs of Individual Pupil Insurance, art/craft supplies and photocopying. Just a reminder that the Pupil Insurance Policy covers your child 365 days a year inside and outside of school.

### Gardening Committee

Welcome to Oisín, Mollie, Layla, Anthony, Cian, Róisín, Donnchadh, Orla, Nathan, Philippa & Sharon! James & Peter were also on standby for our first Gardening Committee meet up on 12<sup>th</sup> October '23. The school garden was surveyed and autumn jobs were started; preparing beds for winter, making leaf compost and weeding. Autumn garlic and onions will be planted straight after the Hallowe'en break. The group meet every Thursday at lunchtime.

If any parent would like to help out at any stage, especially when we are developing our sensory garden, please let Mrs. Murphy, Ms. Kehoe or any member of the Gardening Committee know!

### Leaf Composting

Thanks to our caretaker Nicky for making a new composting bay for leaves. Thanks to Mrs. Murphy for organising our composting from the classrooms.

### Tree Day

2<sup>nd</sup> Class planted a hazel tree, acorns (oak) and helicopters (sycamore) for Tree Day, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Some of the junior classes have taken part in the Coill na nÓg Tree & Hedgerow Autumn Scavenger Hunt.

### Battery Collection

Please continue to send in used batteries for recycling. We're recycling our waste batteries to help protect our environment and support Laura Lynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice!

### Climate Action Week\_16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October '23

St. Anne's NS pledged to reduce plastic packaging and tinfoil in lunch boxes during the week throughout the whole school. Maybe we could try to keep this up and reduce waste considerably as a result!

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Please help us collect as many shoeboxes as possible to help children in these poorer countries. Shoeboxes can be returned to school by **10<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Kilmore Quay Trip

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of October, Mr Murphy and 6<sup>th</sup> class participated in a Coastwatch Ireland Survey and Beach Clean in Kilmore Quay. All had an enjoyable and educational day. Thanks to Mick Berry for facilitating the day for us.

### **Trick or Treat for Temple Street**

As usual, the pupils can dress up this Friday (27<sup>th</sup>) before the Hallowe'en Break. We are asking each child to bring €2, which will be donated to Temple Street Children's hospital.

### **Kids Hallowe'en Disco**

Reminder that Cleariestown Hall Committee are holding a Kids' Disco on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of October at 6.30pm in the Community Hall.

### **Active Schools**

Well done to our Active Committee for organising the Table Tennis Takeover and our European Flag Relay.

### **Student Council Elections**

After a week of campaigning, we held our elections for Student President and Vice President recently. Saoirse Drumm was duly elected by our student body and will serve as Student President, while Sadye Moran is elected as her Deputy. Senior classes then picked nominees to serve with Saoirse and Sadye on our Student Council. They are Lena Comerford, Luke Byrne, Ruby Doyle, Harry George, Meabh Clancy, Lily Prendergast, Mikey Reville, Eoin Wadding and Ruby Moore.

### **Rackard League Update**

The Girls' Rackard League Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group and qualified for the Roinn A quarter final where they lost out to a strong Castlebridge team. However, the Girls' Mini 7s team defeated Clongeen and Screen to progress to Round 2 of the competition.

The Boys' Rackard League Team topped their group and qualified for the Roinn A quarterfinals where they met our neighbours Piercestown/Murrintown. After a terrific performance, the boys lost out by 4 points and so Rathangan's reign as County Champions came to an end. We also played in the Rising Stars competition where a very young team acquitted themselves very well and gained invaluable experience for the future. The boy's 7s team also progressed to round 2 of the competition with great wins over Rosslare, Murrintown and Wexford ETNS. Round 2 of the Mini 7s Boys and Girls will take place the week November 13-17.

A huge thanks to Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Barry and Ms. Power for their hard work and dedication with our school teams.

### **Sing Out Loud**

The date for our school's performance in the National Opera House is **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November @ 2pm**. Tickets can now only be purchased directly from the Opera House Booking Office.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

P/T Meeting times can be booked using the Aladdin App. 10 minute slots have been allocated for each meeting. Parents with 2 or more children can book on this Wednesday, while all other parents can book on Thursday. School finishes **at 2pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** for all pupils to facilitate meetings.

### **Maternity leave**

Best wishes to Ms. Sinead McCoy who will be going on Maternity Leave after the Hallowe'en Break.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of October- school closes for Hallowe'en Break at **3pm** as normal
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> –Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Literacy Week & Book Fair in school.
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November- Sing Out Loud
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent/Teacher Meetings

