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## Welcome to Our Newsletter!

*A very warm welcome to our school to all of our new students and parents. We are delighted to have you in our school and we look forward to working with you closely in the coming years. You could not be joining our school at a more exciting time! We have had a very busy and productive start to the school year with lots of exciting events already taking place and plenty more to look forward to. Our new Junior Infants and Second Class students have settled in extremely well. We hope you enjoy reading all about our busy first few weeks back in school. We wish you all a very safe and happy Halloween break!*

## Enrolment Week

Enrolment Week for girls and boys for September 2020 takes place from November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school please contact us or call to our school office any day between 9am and 4pm to complete an enrolment form. If you have any further questions about our school please ring us on 046-9731478 or call into the school office. We look forward to meeting you.



## New School Extension Begins

We are extremely excited to announce that work on our school extension began in July and has been continuing at a rapid pace. We are really looking forward to it being completed. The new extension will incorporate a new main entrance into the school, new offices and Special Education rooms as well as a new block of toilets. We had these photos of the school grounds taken before the construction work began and we look forward to comparing the before and after photos when all of the work is complete!

## Bake Sale

We are hosting a Coffee Morning and Bake Sale on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in our school hall. Parents are invited to call in for a cup of tea or coffee from 9.30am on Friday morning. Later in the day our students can go to the hall to purchase some freshly baked goodies! All money raised will go towards St Mary's Secondary School's Multi Sports Development. As part of this development students from our school will have access to these playing facilities. We are also asking parents and students to bring in some of their own delicious baking! All support greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you on the day!

### **Mini Movies**

Mr Foran's class took part in a Mini Movies workshop provided by Offaly County Council as part of the OFFline Film Festival. Their film premieres in Birr on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October and will be shown on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's PS hall as part of the Hullabaloo Children's Arts Festival. We look forward to seeing the film!

### **School Improvements**

As part of the ongoing construction works all of the toilets in the school have been renovated. We also have new flooring in our corridor. 2 of the classroom floors have been restored after being sanded and varnished. They now look like they did when the school opened in August 1959!

### **Intercultural Day**

We are delighted to be preparing for our Intercultural Day on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This day is always a highlight of the school year. We are so proud of the diversity in our school and this day gives everyone in our school community the opportunity to celebrate all cultures and backgrounds. If you have cultural items such as musical instruments, clothing or food samples we would be delighted for you to bring them in on the day for them to be displayed and tasted!



### **Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football Competition**

Our football panel have reached the football final after some very impressive performances so far this year. The final will be played on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in O Connor Park in Tullamore at 3pm. We are hoping for a big support on the day so please come over and cheer us on!

### **Offaly Cross Country Championships**

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October our school athletics team travelled to Tullamore to participate in the Offaly Cross Country Championship. 32 schools participated on the day with pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> being members of the team. We are extremely proud to have won the best overall school title after some fantastic performances.

### **Coaching in the School**

Gráinne is currently providing tag rugby coaching to our 6<sup>th</sup> class students. These coaching sessions are organised through Leinster rugby and all classes will have the opportunity to participate in them throughout the year.

We are also delighted to have Mairead Daly, Games Promotion Officer with Edenderry GAA coaching all of our classes. Mairead is focusing on the fundamental movement skills throughout her coaching and these will benefit all children greatly.

## Halloween Fancy Dress

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, our students will be dressing up in their Halloween costumes. We hope to see some fantastic costumes on display on the day and we will have prizes for the most inventive and original ideas! Keep an eye on our School Twitter account to see photos from the day.



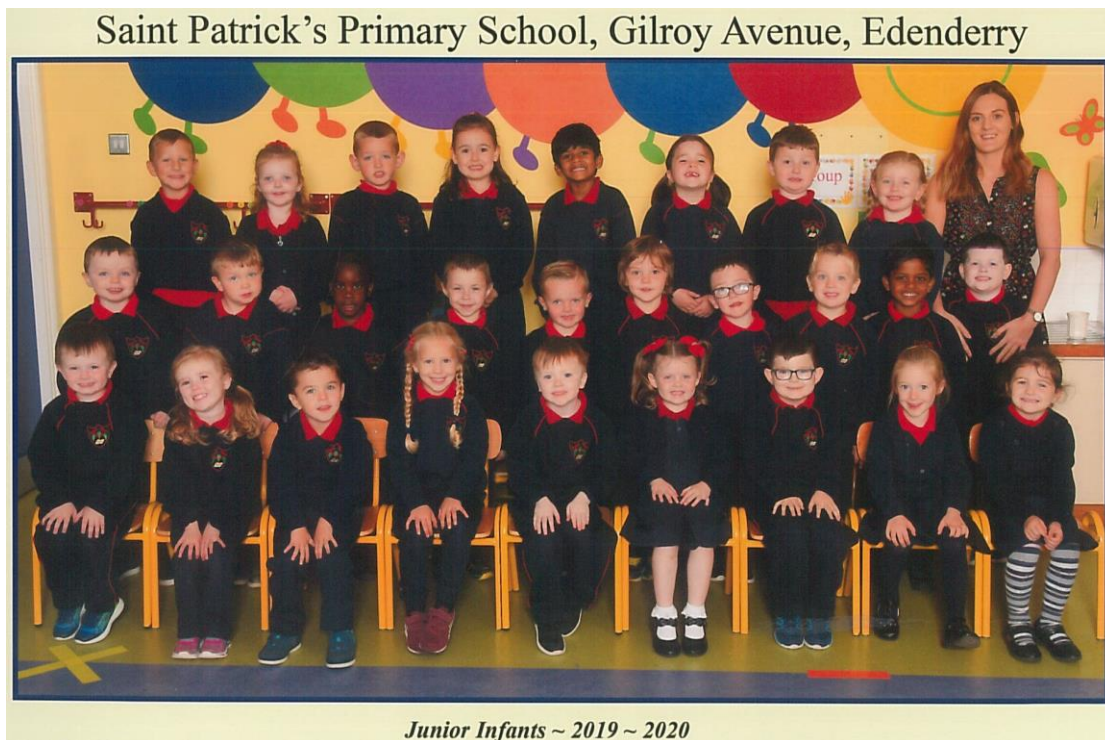
## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Our school is once again participating in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is a very worthwhile charity that we have supported for a number of years and we have always had a fantastic response from parents. If any family would like to donate a Christmas shoebox please send it into the office after the Halloween break. The Christmas Shoeboxes are sent mainly to children in Africa and Eastern Europe.

## Welcome to our new Students!

Our fantastic Junior Infants have settled into school life with great ease. In September we welcomed 27 wonderful girls and boys into Junior Infants. They have settled so well into school and have been a wonderful addition to our school. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both them and their parents to our school community. We look forward to working with you throughout their eight years in our school.

## Miss Cooney's Class



We would also like to welcome all of our Second Class boys to our school. They joined us in



September from St. Mary's Primary School. They have made a brilliant start to the school year and are working really hard! We hope that they have a very happy and successful 5 years with us!

**Mrs Fox's Class**



**Miss Quinn's Class**



## School Notices

### Upcoming Events

- Enrolment Week for our school takes place from November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Any parent wishing to enrol a child in our school can do so from 9.00am to 4pm any day this week.
- Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November and exact appointment times will be given to parents closer to the date.
- Saint Patrick's Primary School will reopen after the Halloween Mid Term Break on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of November.

### School Twitter

You can follow us on Twitter for all the latest news by searching for St Patrick's Primary School Edenderry or by clicking this link [www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS](http://www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS).