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Welcome to Our Newsletter!

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. We hope you enjoy reading all about our first two months in school. We wish you all a very safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you all again on the 7th of November!

Literacy

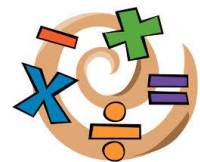
As part of our ongoing literacy strategy, all of our classes focused on the Writing to Socialise genre of writing for the month of September. All of our classes produced excellent writing samples which are currently on display on our school notice boards. Attached you will find samples of writing from a selection of our students.

Our pupils are currently studying 'Report Writing' and will be for the month of November also. We have spent an additional €1000 on supplementary reading material as we continue to strive to improve literacy levels and our students' interest in reading and writing. We ask that you encourage the children to mind these books carefully. We would also encourage you to bring your children to Edenderry library if you get a chance over the Mid Term Break.



Maths Week

Last week, 15th - 23rd October all our pupils participated in a range of activities for Maths Week. All classes made a special effort to earn as many points as they could on the online maths programme Mathletics. Well done to all of the boys in the school who received a certificate during the week.



Throughout the week our classes took part in maths trails around the school ground. This involved seeing maths in our environment. A lot of fun was had by all the children. Every day we had a maths puzzle at our Maths Week table and we would like to say a big well done to Alex, Eoghan, Ruairí, Lennon and Jason who won our prizes for this.

In our 'Guess How Many Sweets Are In The Jar' competition we had a 2 way tie this year with Sean and Daniels taking home half of the sweets each.



Mathletics

Once again this year all pupils will be using the on-line maths programme Mathletics. This program covers all areas of the maths curriculum. It helps children to enjoy maths while at the same time also improves their mathematical reasoning. All children will be using this program in school with their teacher. This program can also be used at home and we ask parents to encourage their children to use it.

Maths Week Calculator Riddle

Gabrielius in 5th class did a trick with us using his calculator during Maths Week. It is something you can try at home.

- Step 1: Pick a number between 1 and 10
- Step 2: Multiply your number by 2
- Step 3: Add 5
- Step 4: Multiply by 50
- Step 5: If you have already had your birthday this year add 1766 (If you didn't have your birthday yet this year then add 1765)
- Step 6: Now takeaway the year you were born (e.g. 1975)
- Step 7: You will now be left with a 3 or 4 digit number. The first number is the number you chose and the 2 remaining digits are your age.

Try it and see if it works for you!

New Staff

This year we would like to welcome a number of new staff to our school. Mrs Fox, Mrs Johnston, Miss Cooney and Mr Walsh have all joined us this year. We also had Miss Molloy with us for September and October.

We said goodbye to Mrs O' Neill who retired in June. We wish her many happy years of retirement. We also said goodbye to Miss Blain who has moved to a school in Tipperary. We would like to wish her well in her future teaching career.

Homework Clubs

Our Homework Clubs are now back up and running for the year. Our School Completion Homework Club is being run by Mr Foran and Mrs Loughlin.

Our private Homework Club is being facilitated by Mrs Martin and Miss Cooney and there is a cost of €3 per day for this Homework Club.

Sky Dome



All of our students were treated to a very special display on Friday 21st October with the visit of the Sky Dome to our school. Our students got the opportunity to enter the dome to learn about planets, constellations and stars. It was a fantastic experience and we would like to thank Ollie for coming to visit us.

National Road Safety Week

As part of National Road Safety Week (6th - 10th October), our pupils participated in a number of lessons based on road safety. The children learned the safe cross code, and discussed rules for keeping themselves safe on our roads. Second class pupils also received reflective armbands as part of Road Safety Week. Our pupils also discussed safe walking and cycling routes to and from school. A map of safe walking routes along with videos of safe cycling routes to and from school can be viewed on our website (see the travel segment in our Green Schools section of our website).

School Improvements

Over the summer a large amount of work was carried out on the maintenance of our school. We had a further two classrooms painted as well as our front wall and railings on Gilroy Ave.. We hope you agree that they look great.



Sports News

Cumann na mBunscol Gaelic Football Competition

Our football panel participated in Division 1 of the *Cumann na mBunscol Offaly* football competition again this autumn. In their first match the boys put in an impressive performance against Rhode but unfortunately they came up short against two very strong



sides in Portarlinton and Clara. In their other group match they overcame a Tullamore side and guaranteed themselves a place in the Division 1 Shield Final.

The shield final was played on Thursday 20th October in Rhode and unfortunately on the day Rhode proved to be the stronger team. The boys put in tremendous effort at

training and also gave good performances in their matches. Well done boys!

Coaching in the School

All of the boys are really enjoying taking part in *GAA* coaching with Adam Mahon since the beginning of October. Our tag rugby coaching with Edenderry and Leinster coach Patsy Gorman is also in full swing. Through this coaching our students are learning the fundamentals of the game through enjoyable game type situations. We would like to thank both coaches for their continued hard work.

FAI School Futsal

Our school will be entering the 3rd and 4th class *Offaly* Futsal Competition in November in Mucklagh. We have had excellent success in this competition winning it the 3 previous times it has been held.

National Fire Safety Week

During National Fire Safety Week, our pupils learned how to keep themselves safe from fires at school and at home. Children discussed fire hazards and were given advice on strategies and procedures to follow if they encounter a fire. Children also took part in a school fire drill.

Visit from Edenderry Fire Service

Our 2nd and 3rd classes received a visit from Edenderry Fire Service as part of Fire Safety Week. This workshop showed the children many ways of staying safe both in the home and in the local



community with particular attention being paid to the dangers that may arise during the Halloween festivities. This visit was organised as part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which allows our students many opportunities to explore various ways of keeping themselves safe in various different circumstances.

Halloween Fancy Dress

On Friday 28th 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 website and Twitter account to see photos from the day.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Over the coming weeks we will be promoting our annual Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. Over the years we have been hugely fortunate to have tremendous support from parents and students in promoting this hugely worthy cause. We hope that this year will prove to be no exception. If you are interested in getting involved, we ask that you fill a shoebox with a range of simple gifts and drop them into school before Thursday 10th November. We know that these small gifts will make a massive difference in the lives of the children that are less fortunate than ourselves.



Credit Union Art Competition

Some classes in our school have taken part in the Credit Union Art Competition this year. This year the theme was 'What Dreams Are Made Of...'. We are hoping that we might have some winners in our school when the results are announced! We would like to take this opportunity to thank Edenderry Credit Union for the great work they are doing in our community and our school.

New Curriculum Training

Our school was closed on Friday October 14th to facilitate a whole staff training day in Kildare Education Centre for a new Primary Language Curriculum. This curriculum will be implemented on a phased basis in the coming years in both English and Gaeilge.

On Wednesday 26th October our school will close at 12pm to allow for a whole staff training course in the implementation of a new Catholic Religious curriculum also.

Badminton Ladder



Our school badminton ladder is up and running for the year with 24 children from 5th and 6th class competing this year.

Communion and Confirmation

Communion

The Communion preparation programme 'Do this in Memory' is currently underway. The following is a reminder of the dates for the various 'Do This in Memory' masses:

15th /16th October (Enrolment)

19th/20th November

10th/11th December

21st/22nd January

11th/12th February

25th/26th March

These badminton matches are ran during lunch times and are a great way for those who play the sport to sharpen their skills and also for those who don't play to get an introduction to a fantastic sport.



Corpus Christi Mass 18th June at 12 noon.

The First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 13th May at 12pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Sunday 20th May at 12pm.



Welcome!

We would like to welcome all the second class boys in Mrs Loughlin's and Mrs Fox's classes to our school. The boys joined us in September from St. Mary's Primary school. We hope that they have a very happy and successful 5 years with us!



School Website and Twitter!

Don't forget to check out our fantastic website for updates on school events, pictures and news at www.edenderrybns.ie

You can also follow us on twitter for all the latest news at www.twitter.com/EdenderryBNS



School Notices!

Scoil Muire Banríon will reopen after the Halloween Mid Term Break on Monday 7th of November.

Upcoming Events

- The school will close at 12pm on 26th October to facilitate a staff training day
- The photographer will be in our school on Thursday 27th October at 11.30am. Please make sure that your child is in full clean uniform for this.
- Science Week will take place from 12th-20th November. A special emphasis will be placed on science this week with each class preparing a science project and experiment. Parents will be invited to come into school in November to see the children's science projects, displays and experiments.
- Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on 16th and 17th of November and exact appointment times will be given to parents closer to the date.

School Opening Times

Please note that our school gates open at 9am. Children should not arrive at school before this time nor should they be left unattended outside the school premises before this time.

School Uniform and Coats

Already this year there have been a large number of jumpers and jackets going missing in the school. Can you please make sure that all of your child's uniform and coats are clearly labeled with their name to help to prevent this. If your child is missing any items please call to the school office where our 'Lost and Found' is located.

Overdue Book Rental and Art and Photocopying:

A number of book rental and art and photocopying fees are still outstanding. Parents are asked to send any overdue fees into their child's class teacher or the school office as soon as possible.

All the staff of Scoil Muire Banríon are very proud of all our students for their fantastic success and achievements this term. **We would like to wish all our students a safe and Happy Halloween.**

