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The Newsletter, October 2024

Happy Hallowe'en!

SNA Appreciation Day

We celebrated SNA Appreciation Day on 26 September. Thank you to all the children who brought in homemade cards for Ms. Mahony, Síle, Niamh and Susan. We really appreciate our super team of SNAs in Cahir!

Science with Chuck Delpier

As well as celebrating our SNAs, we also had a super Science Day with Chuck on 26 September. Chuck set up a variety of stations for us and we had great fun investigating in groups. The highlight of the day was launching our rockets! It was very exciting and thank you so much Chuck for calling to see us.

New Primary Mathematics Curriculum

The teachers of Cahir NS attended training for the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum on 7 October. As a school we are now implementing the new curriculum and will plan in accordance with the new guidelines. Maths Week was carried out in the school from 14-18 October. The children engaged with a variety of maths activities.

Cumann na mBunscol

First and Second Class had the wonderful opportunity of participating in a Cumann na mBunscol blitz in Fr. Breen Park on 8 October. The event was organised by our Kerry GAA Coach Pierce McGill. All of the pupils from First and Second Class in the Kenmare Area were invited to take part. Thank you Pierce for organising and go raibh maith agaibh le Ms. Brosnan agus Síle as freastal linn.

Art with Julieann

Julieann Foley has undertaken three days of art as part of Teacher Artist Partnership+ (TAP+). The overall theme of the project has been 'Nature'. Day One involved exploring art through colour and nature. Day Two focused on building nature pictures through the medium of paper collage. Day Three centred on working with glass and creating glass art for our halla. All of the children have worked together to develop ideas for the final pieces of glass art. Julieann will return to us on Tuesday, 12 November for an extra morning of art! We are so thankful to Julieann

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for her time and for giving us such a new experience. Reel available on Facebook as a quick snapshot.

Visit from Sergeant Jamie Cullen

Sergeant Jamie Cullen visited us on 17 October to discuss Safety at Hallowe'en. He gave us tips on how to stay safe and answered our questions. He also had time to play soccer and arrest our rascals. He even managed to arrest our biggest rascal Ms. Lynch! Go raibh maith agat Sergeant Jamie as teacht chugainn.

The Le Chéile Programme

Today, 22 October, was our first gathering as part of the Le Chéile Programme. 'Le Chéile' translates as 'Together' as Gaeilge. We would like the 6th Classes of Cahir NS, Tulloha NS (Bonane), Lauragh NS and Tahilla CNS to get to know one another before secondary school. Lauragh NS has kindly offered to host a gathering for Christmas. The children engaged with "Show and Tell", pumpkin carving, Hallowe'en art, making chocolate apples and Hallowe'en games. Time was spent on the yard as well. Thank you to the Principals and Class Teachers of the visiting schools. A special word of thanks to our own staff here in Cahir, especially Ms. Sandra Mahony and Ms. Niamh Geraghty. The stars of the show were all of the pupils! Well done!

Killarney Cardiac Response Unit, Art Competition

Congratulations to Robyn Horgan and Gloria Bober who were successful in the art competition. The children were encouraged to design a poster highlighting Heart Health and/or the availability of the defibrillator here in Cahir NS. Members of the Cardiac Response Unit called to Cahir on Monday, 21 October and spoke with the children. Robyn and Gloria were presented with prizes. Please spread the word among your neighbours that there is a defibrillator here at school. It can be accessed during any time of need and is welcomed to be used amongst the community. The access code is written on the box. The school staff and some neighbours received training during the spring which was organised by Aoife McCarthy. Thank you, Aoife.

Staff

Marie O'Connell is our new cleaner in Cahir NS. Marie was hired over the summer holidays and we are delighted with a new addition to our team. Marie is an extremely hard worker and we are so lucky. Marie was very impressed with the geography projects from Ms. Lynch's classroom. The models of the blowhole in Portmagee made her smile as she is from Portmagee herself. Imogen and Scarlett also left a lovely Hallowe'en message on her door. Welcome Marie!

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association have organised a Christmas Card fundraiser. Our pupils have designed Christmas cards and they will be professionally printed. The cards will arrive before Christmas. Each pack will cost €10 and there will be a discounted rate

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for siblings. Thank you to the Parents' Association and Chairperson Ciara O'Sullivan for their hard work. Meetings remain open to all parents.

School Website

Suzanne Gaine is working hard updating our school website and graciously gave time during the summer. Thank you very much Suzanne! Newsletters, bulletins and diaries will now be posted to the website. The school calendar is a useful fixture. Photographs will soon be added to the website. If you do not want your child's image on the website please notify the office as soon as possible.

Facebook

We love engaging with our parents and the local communities through our Facebook page; **Cahir NS Kenmare**. Our followers are constantly increasing but it would be of great help if current parents gave us a "follow". We would like to spread the word to as many people as possible about the children's hard work and activities.

Tom Naiman

Tom Naiman, photographer, is away during November. If you would like to order a photograph and have it delivered in good time before Christmas, it is recommended you contact him as soon as possible. If you would like Tom's link for photographs resent to you please email the office before 25 October.

Reminders for the Diary

24 October: Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine Open Evening for 6th Class.

25 October: Full day of school; normal pick-up times. **No** Toy Day. Please refer to the note in last week's bulletin regarding dressing-up. Thank you to the Parents' Association for organising treats. €2 per child on the morning.

4 November: School re-opens.

7 November: Visit from Oceanworld, Dingle. If your child has a shellfish allergy, please notify the office.

As we finish our final week before the mid-term, I would like to thank all parents and family members for their continued support and generosity. Thank you to the entire staff for their continued dedication. Finally, "well done!" to our pupils. May we all have a fun and safe Hallowe'en 😊

Marian Hanley, Príomhoide



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