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October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

An Exciting Start

It is wonderful to be able to facilitate visits again from outside agencies. To date we have had an orchestra quintet, live theatre from Draíocht (Bake), sustainability workshops with the Rediscovery Centre, Gaelic matches against other schools and nature trails with the Heritage Council. We welcome the return of these activities, which enhance the educational experience of all pupils.

Weather workshops

The 5th classes recently took part in weather workshops. SBC was delighted to be chosen last year to take part in the Fingal *Weather Stations for Schools* project. We have an automatic weather station on campus, which produces real time information about rainfall, temperature, wind speed and wind direction. One of the hottest temperature during the summer was recorded at our location!

Collins Barracks

On 27th October, Mr. Maguire's 5th class will pay a visit to Collins Barracks, which is a decorative arts and history museum. We look forward to hearing all about it.

Engineers Ireland STEPS programme

Some representatives from the 4th classes will attend a workshop in Ballsbridge on October 20th, as part of Maths Week.

Communion/Confirmation

If you would like to present your child for Communion or Confirmation this year, please register with the parish office by 17th October.

Student Council

The student council have now had three meetings and are very excited and enthusiastic about their roles. We congratulate them on their election and wish them well for the year ahead. We definitely have a few politicians in the making!

Parents' Association

A meeting will be held in the school at 10am on 26th October to discuss ways of reactivating the Parents' Association. All are welcome.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We are planning to hold PT meetings on November 15th, 16th and 17th. Further details will follow.

Anti-Bullying Policy/Code of Behaviour

Both of these policies have been reviewed and are now available on the school website.

School Improvement Plan

This year, our focus will be to embed the following:

- The use of Book Creator to develop pupil literacy skills
- Handwriting improvement throughout all classes
- Compiling resources to support the new Primary Language Curriculum

Contact Details

It is essential that the contact details you have provided to the school are up to date, so that we can make contact with you at all times. Please check your details on Aladdin Connect and inform the school of any changes.

2022/23 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
October Midterm	<i>School CLOSED from Monday, October 31st to Friday, November 4th inclusive.</i>
NB November 25th	<i>School closing at 12 noon to facilitate staff training in new Primary Language Curriculum</i>
Christmas Holidays	<i>School CLOSING on Wednesday, Dec 21st at 12 noon. CLOSED December 22nd to January 4th inclusive.</i>
February Bank Holiday	<i>School CLOSED on Monday, Feb 6th</i>
February Midterm	<i>School CLOSED Monday 13th to Friday 17th inclusive.</i>
St. Patrick's Day	<i>School CLOSED Friday 17th March.</i>
Easter Holidays	<i>School CLOSING on Friday, March 31st at 12 noon. CLOSED Monday, April 3rd to Friday, April 14th inclusive (2 weeks)</i>
May Bank Holiday	<i>School CLOSED on Monday, May 1st .</i>
June Break	<i>School CLOSED on Friday, June 2nd & Monday, June 5th .</i>
Summer Holidays	<i>Closing Friday, June 30th at 12 noon.</i>

We thank you for your continued support and wish you and your family all the best for the upcoming midterm.

Le gach dea-ghuif

P. Dargan

(Principal)