



November 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you enjoyed the break over midterm. The girls are all settled back in again and school activities are proceeding as normal.

Mini Leagues

We had two very exciting Gaelic finals last week. It was wonderful to see the progress the girls have made since September and to see them really enjoying playing as part of a team. Maith sibh a chailíní!

Heritage Nature Talks

All classes have now had the opportunity to do a nature walk with a representative from the Heritage Council. It was a real eyeopener to see the variety of trees, plants and birds that we have on our doorstep.

Swimming

Fourth classes are now availing of swimming lessons on Thursdays and are progressing well.

P.E. Erasmus

SBC was delighted to be selected to participate in a P.E. Erasmus Project with other European schools. This is a great honour and offers our staff a wonderful opportunity to share best practice and new ideas with colleagues from different educational backgrounds. Three teachers here have just returned from visiting a school in Lisbon and we look forward to welcoming our European colleagues on a return visit after Christmas.

French Classes

The 6th classes are taking part in the Languages Connect Programme and are focusing on French. We are delighted to be part of this programme. Merci beaucoup Ms. Kilroy!

5th Class Choir/Music Group

Ms. Toomey is leading the 5th class choir and I know we will have a lovely treat in store for us when they perform at a later stage in the year.

The music group, led by Ms. O'Connor, continues to practise on a Tuesday afternoon. It is a real pleasure to hear the music echoing through the corridors. Food for the soul!

Construction competition

We are running a 3D construction competition in the school and the theme is a Christmas tree. It can be made of absolutely anything-lego, cardboard, paper cups, straws,wool etc so get your thinking caps on! We are looking forward to seeing lots of exciting, creative entries.

Wet mornings

Reminder that pupils are taken into the hall at the earlier time of 8.40am on very wet mornings. Please ensure that you time your arrival for after 8.40am, so that your daughter is not standing outside in the rain.

Uniforms

Please ensure that your daughter **only** wears her tracksuit to school on P.E. days or days when the class is engaged in sporting activity. On all other days, the school uniform, including tie, should be worn.

Parent Teacher Meetings

P-T meetings are taking place this week.It is important that you arrive on time for your appointed slot and that you respect the time allocated to ensure that meeting times can run smoothly for all parents. If you have something which you feel may take longer to discuss, we would recommend making a separate appointment on another day.

Contact Details

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

Parents' Association

Details to follow at later stage.

2022/23 SCHOOL CLOSURES	
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>

Le gach dea-ghuí

P. Dargan

(Principal)