

## Newsletter – October

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We have finally reached mid-term! The children have worked incredibly hard this month and we have had lots of lovely things going on in our school.

Please note the school will re-open at 8.50am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Please keep the 17<sup>th</sup> of November free in your diary as the PTA organise a school community table quiz. More details on this will be coming after the mid-term break but it is set to be an excellent night

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a lovely break and I hope you all have a safe Hallowe'en.

Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring prizes for our Halloween art competition. Our winners and pictured below:



L to R: Winners Amy – Junior Infants, Nicolas – Senior Infants, Laoise – 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Esme – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Viktor – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Sofia – 4<sup>th</sup> Class, Ella Bee – 6<sup>th</sup> Class, Arthur – 5<sup>th</sup> Class with Ms. Gillespie, principal

### **Dress Up Day**

The children all look fantastic dressed up.



### **Junior and Senior Infants:**

We have had a busy October! We have really enjoyed playball and have learned lots of new skills. Irish assembly was great fun and we performed a poem for the school. We also coloured a Halloween picture for a competition. You can see it in the office window! We are so excited for dress up day. We have been learning new sounds, numbers and lots more. We can't believe it is the Midterm Break already! Happy Halloween! Enjoy the well-deserved break.

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class:**

1st & 2nd Class have been busy doing Autumn and Halloween art. We went on an autumn walk and collected lots of different leaves and sticks to help us create really cool animals.

We really enjoyed Maths week. We played lots of different games, had a class quiz and did lovely art where we focussed on circles.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class:**

This month we have been learning about Autumn as Gaeilge. In maths we have been working on fractions and constructing graphs and charts. We really enjoyed surveying each other for our bar charts.

In art we used oil pastels to create Autumn scenes based on 'Into the woods' with Vincent Van Gogh. We finished the first book and movie of the Chronicles of Narnia. We are big fans and moving to the second book and movie this week.

We are learning about ancient people this term and this month we researched the Celts. We are always practicing our research skills! We have made great progress learning to play the ukulele!

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class:**

We did our Halloween competition and can't wait to see who the winner is! We really enjoyed using our own ideas and imagination to come up with individual art pieces.

We taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> how to play one of our favourite games – bench dodge ball. We play this all the time during our 15 minutes so it was great to teach them. It got very competitive!

We have started gymnastics in PE and we learned how to roll like a teddy bear and jump and land properly. We are going to continue learning this after mid-term.

Maths week was great fun – we did a maths trail, Maths games with the whole school and Maths art. Thank you Ms Delaney for organising.

Our project this month has been learning about the Vikings. We are in 3 different groups – long houses, long ships and clothes/weapons. We are learning how to work with groups of people to complete a bigger project.

We hope everyone has a Happy Halloween and a good midterm.

**Louise Gillespie**  
**Acting Principal**