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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. Our Junior Infants and new Second Class students have settled in extremely well to our school. We hope you enjoy reading all about our first two months in school. We wish you all a very safe and happy Halloween break and look forward to seeing you all again on the 6th of November!

Literacy

As part of our ongoing literacy improvement strategy, all of our classes focused on the Writing to Socialise genre of writing for the month of September. Our classes produced excellent writing samples which are currently on display on our school writing notice board.

Our pupils are currently studying 'Recount Writing' and will be for the month of November also. As we continue to strive to improve literacy levels and our students' interest in reading and writing, we ask that you also encourage your children throughout this process. We would ask that you make a visit to Edenderry library if you get a chance over the Mid Term Break.



Enrolment Week

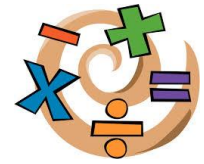
Our Junior Infant enrolment week for girls and boys starting school in September 2018 is taking place from November 13th-17th. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our school please contact us to complete an enrolment form. If you have any further questions about our school please ring us on 046-9731478 or call into the school office.



Maths Week

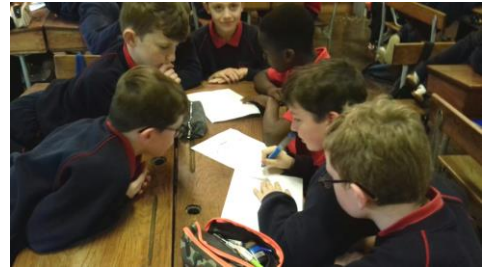


From 15th- 22nd October all our pupils participated in a range of activities for Maths Week. All classes made a special effort to earn as many points as they could on the online maths programme Mathletics. Well done to all of the boys in the school who received a certificate during the week.



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 of our students.

Every day we had a maths puzzle at our Maths Week table and we would like to say a big well done to our prizewinners during the week. As well as this many of our classes took part in group work puzzles in class.



Mathletics

Once again this year all pupils will be using the on-line maths program Mathletics. This program covers all areas of the maths curriculum. It helps children to enjoy maths while reinforcing topics covered in class as well as being great practice for their tables. All children will be using this program in school with their teacher. This program can also be used at home across laptops or a free app on tablets and we ask you to encourage your children to use it.

History Project

Our 5th and 6th class are currently undertaking a project with Dr Ciaran Reilly, a past pupil of ours. Using our school register which dates from 1872 we hope to trace some of the entries in the register to modern times and current living family members. We are very excited about this project.

Halloween Art

Our classes have been extremely busy creating some scary Halloween art for us. It is



certainly very spooky walking down our corridor at the moment!

National Road Safety Week

As part of National Road Safety Week (2nd - 8th 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. Junior Infants and Second Class pupils also received

School Improvements

Over the summer a large amount of work was carried out on the maintenance of our school. We had our entire school roof repaired, a further classroom painted and we also have

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).

plans to paint the outside of our school building.



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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. We had a panel of 25 footballers this year. It was fantastic to see so many of our students taking part. After some very impressive performances throughout the year our panel succeeded in reaching the Shield Final. The final was played on Wednesday 25th October in Bord na Móna O Connor Park in Tullamore against Scoil Eoin Phóil. In a very tight and close final our team did fantastic to win the final by 6 points. Our panel put in a tremendous effort at training throughout the year and would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ryan and Mr Murphy who trained them for the season.

Coaching in the School

All of our students are really enjoying taking part in GAA coaching with Jimmy O Grady. This Tuesday was his first day in our school and this coaching will continue for the next 8 weeks. We would like to thank Offaly GAA and Edenderry GAA who fund this coaching.

Our tag rugby coaching with Grainne which is organised through Leinster rugby is also in full swing. Through this coaching our students are learning the fundamentals of the game. We would like to thank both coaches for their continued hard work.

Halloween Fancy Dress

On Friday 27th 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 Twitter account to see photos from the day.



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.



Credit Union Art Competition

Some classes in our school have taken part in the Credit Union Art Competition this year. 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. They are also continuing their saving scheme club in our school.

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. We would like to say a big thank you to Gabriel and David from the Edenderry Fire Service for giving up their time to teach us about the dangers of fire.



First Communion

These are the dates for the First Communion 'Do This in Memory' masses:

21st /22nd October

25th/26th November

16th/17th December

20th/21st January

17th/18th February

28th/29th April

Corpus Christi Mass 3rd June at 11.30am.



Confirmation

Confirmation will take place for our 6th class students on Saturday 14th April in St Mary's Church in Edenderry.



First Confession will take place on Wednesday 7th March at 7pm.

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

Welcome to our new Students!

As I'm sure you are all aware by now we enrolled Junior Infant girls and boys for the first time this September. It has been a hugely positive experience for everyone involved with the school and we look forward to welcoming a new set of Junior Infants next September. Here are our first ever Junior Infant class pictured on their first day in our school.



We would also like to welcome all of our Second Class students in Mrs Fox's and Miss Molloy's classes to our school. They 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 Twitter!

You can 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 6th of November.

Upcoming Events

- School Fancy Dress for Halloween takes place on Friday 27th October.
- There will also be a magician coming to our school on Friday 27th October. Please send in €2 for this show.
- Science Week will take place from 12th-19th 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 22nd and 23rd of November and exact appointment times will be given to parents closer to the date.
- On November 24th our school will be attending the Edenderry Youth Action Group's performance of their Christmas Panto.

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 school 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.

