

October Class News

Junior Infants welcomed parents, grandparents and aunts into their classroom for Halloween. The boys loved carving their own pumpkins and bringing their family into the classroom. A lovely morning! Massive thanks to Ms Hennelly for organising this for the Junior Infant boys and to everyone who got involved.

Senior Infants have been learning all about Autumn, identifying leaves and the changes in Autumn. We also visited Birr Castle where the boys got to see all the Autumn colors and trees. They also enjoyed playing in the tree house and had lots of fun.

Ms Kenny's class were learning all about India and the festival of light "Diwali". The boys created some spooky Halloween treats. We also performed our Oiche Shamhna song in assembly.

Ms Teehan's class have been working so hard. We enjoyed learning all about the season of Autumn. We were also learning all about different types of homes. We were very busy making lots of scary Halloween creatures. We made some delicious ghosts, spiders and even some tasty witches hats. We can't wait to eat them all. Happy Halloween everyone.

Ms Collins class have been really busy this month learning all about Autumn and Halloween. They have enjoyed Halloween Art and baking. The boys have also enjoyed 8 weeks of athletics with Andrea.

Third Class really enjoyed creating their own pumpkins with family members. We had lots of fun doing Halloween Art in October and based on the story Country Mouse and City Mouse, we completed various lessons around the story. We learned all about Halloween feasts and festivals in other countries too. Wishing you all a very Happy Halloween.

Fourth class visited the castle in which they were given a talk about patterns. The boys also explored the Castle grounds, identifying trees and their fruits which linked into their science lesson about phototropism, geotropism and photosynthesis.

Fifth Class enjoyed space week in October. We made a geocache in Birr Castle and hid it on the grounds there. We also recreated M51, also known as the whirlpool galaxy which was sketched by William Parsons, 3rd Earl of Rosse, Birr. We used chalk pastels and black paper to do this. Have a lovely midterm everyone!

This week our **Sixth Class** debating team celebrated a great win against Dunkerrin NS. A big thanks to Ms Grace and Ms McGrath for all their time and effort helping the boys prepare. The boys are excited for the next round of the competition. The boys also completed in a hurling blitz with Mr Kennedy in the Community School. Well done to the boys representing the school.

Cairdeas 1 are very excited about Hallowe'en & have been busy making spooky cats and Hallowe'en moons. We have listened to scary stories and sang Hallowe'en songs. In Maths we learnt about 3D shapes and we made pumpkins and witches. We have been practicing our musical skills on the keyboard with Mrs. Killeen too.

Cairdeas 2 had spooktacular fun this month. They really enjoyed reading Room on the broom and completed activities based on this and even made their own witch. They also enjoyed a trip to Supermac's for special birthdays.

Mr Cunninghams Class have started 6 weeks of swimming in Birr Leisure Centre. We have also started life skills cooking in our room. The boys had great fun carving pumpkins for Halloween.

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

Halloween 2022



HSCL Pumpkin Carving — Thanks to the parents who helped our Junior Infants class and our 3rd class have great Halloween art activities- Mile buiochas to Ms Hennelly for organising. Great to see so many parents turn up to lend a hand.

Fire safety at Halloween . 3rd class got an information chat about bonfire and firework safety at Halloween from our local fire brigade officers. It was an excellent talk with many questions from the boys. Please stay safe this Halloween everyone.

Hullabaloo arts festival in Birr- Great events on for the boys during Halloween. Enjoy !

BOM annual Child safeguarding review.

- At our last meeting the BOM completed the annual CS review and posted notification of this to patron , PA and school website. This year we also conducted a pupil survey to inform our review which was very positive.
- Again a reminder that policy and risk assessment are displayed on our school website and inside the school front door.
- Our (DLP) Designated Liaison Person is Mr Crofton and our (DDL) Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Ms Mulqueen

Dates for your diary

MID TERM Sch closes 1.50pm/3pm (as usual) Friday 28th October
School reopens (as usual) Monday 7th November

Monday 7th October—Tag Rugby starts for 2nd to 6th classes

Saturday 12th Nov—Sacramental mass 7.30pm

Parent Teacher meetings **Wednesday 23rd November 3-6pm**
 Thursday 24th November 3-6pm

Please note that school intend to return to face to face parent teacher meetings as per pre-covid routines. Times will be allocated after mid term.

St Brendans day—Tuesday 29th November— 10am mass St Brendans church

Sunday 4th December—Sacramental mass 10.30am

End of term—Wednesday 21st Dec 12.30pm

Note for families —There have been some enquiries about holiday closure times. Our school finishes early as with primary school traditions at Christmas / Easter and summer—End of terms only.

Hurling Coaching : Massive thanks to Adrian Clancy as he finishes up as our local GDO. Our schools loss is Offalys gain as Adrian is moving to bigger and better things in the county and we will no doubt see our hurlers supported and encouraged by Adrian as over the past 2 years. We wish him well with his new role. We will inform boys and parents regarding any new coaching after mid term break.

Shoebox Appeal: Thank you to all who are participating in the shoebox appeal. Mr Kennedy and his class are embracing this project once again and ask that all completed shoeboxes are back in the school by

Monday 7th of November. FINAL DAY BEFORE COLLECTION.
Full boxes returned will get a homework off voucher.

H.S.C.L Update

Hi all! It has been lovely settling back in and seeing faces old and new. I have enjoyed catching up with everyone and want to say a big thanks to all the parents that attended the Junior Infant coffee morning and pumpkin carving. Enjoy the break!!

Ann

Gaelic Football

A great season for our schools Gaelic Football team 22/23. The boys really bought into the idea of playing the game for September and October and we had huge numbers 40+ playing. We had lunchtime football each day on the top field and then training Mondays after school and Fridays in school. As other schools preferred the one day blitz option we organised challenge matches with Banagher and Corville so all boys got good game time. We were delighted to once again link with Gaelscoil na Laochra and the 4 boys involved fitted in really well with the panel and were a credit to their school.

The blitz day was held in terrible conditions in Faithful fields and Mr Kennedy / Mr Gorman took a panel of 22 on the day. They defeated Crinkill / Dromakeenan and Shinrone then losing a tight match to Banagher to reach the top 2 and be in the finals day.

The final was a great occasion in St Brendans Park in lovely sunshine on 20th October. We started well with a goal but Banagher played well to lead at half time by 5 points. The boys tried the second half and pulled it back to 2 points at one stage but Banagher pulled away to win by 6 points—Final score 4-8 to 1-8.

Thanks to Mr Kennedy for his passion and dedication to the team- the school staff who supported the team at training , various matches and attended in great numbers at the final and to the great parents for support as each match too. **GAA IN OUR DNA— Biorra abu !**

