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NEWSLETTER - October 2023



Internet Safety Tips For Parents: Start conversations about the internet when your son won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school. We support the 'It takes a village' Voluntary Code. Parents and guardians are invited to sign a voluntary agreement not to purchase mobile phones for their children while in primary school. You may sign into this at any time using the link previously emailed to all families.



Secondary Schools: Parents of 6th class pupils are reminded that applications for Secondary Schools for September 2024 are now open and will close in the next few days.



8.50am: Our school hours are 8:50-2:30. Gates open at 8.45 and all pupils are expected to be in their line by 8.50am. Many thanks for your co-operation with this.



School Crests are now available again from the office, priced at €6. School ties are also available from the office.



After-School Clubs News: We were delighted to welcome back our after-school clubs from Monday 11th September:

- Monday - Drama (all classes), Lego Club (for 2nd, 3rd & 4th class only)
- Tuesday - Guitar (all classes), Thomastown GAA League (5th & 6th class only)
- Wednesday - Afterschool Sports Club (for 2nd, 3rd & 4th class only)
- Thursday - Chess (all classes), Club Gaeilge (all classes)



Mobile Phone/Smart Devices Parents and Guardians are gently reminded that the use of smart devices (eg smart watches) with capability of recording or storing of audio/images

is prohibited under our Internet/Smart devices Acceptable Use and Safety Policy. (See attachment)



Homework

Please remember to sign the homework journal daily to confirm that you have checked your son's homework.



Scary Cake Decorating Competition

Wow! What a selection of scary cakes arrived into school this morning! They will be on display in Ms Mc Donnell's classroom during the Halloween bash. Maith sibh a bhuachailí! The cakes will be judged tomorrow by celebrity chef, Oliver Mc Cabe, a past pupil of Harold Boys Prizes will be given to the best cake in each class and there will also be an overall winner. The Cakes must be brought home on Saturday 22nd October after the Halloween Bash.



Harold Boys' Halloween Bash:

We are all looking forward to our Harold Boys' Halloween Bash tomorrow from 12pm-4pm in the School. A Spooktacular Fun Day for all the family and friends. So, spread the word. It is a lovely opportunity to socialise. Come along and see the scary cakes, sit down, relax and have an Espresso, Tea, Hot Chocolate and cake. Buy some delicious homemade cakes & breads to take home. For the Children and Adults alike, we have a Hot Food Area, Pizza, Burgers and Hot Dogs. The Tombola with some great prizes for the Adults & Kids. Lots of fun & Games, Penalty Shootouts, Basketball Hoops, Knock a Can, Water Bottle Flip, an Indoor Games Room with computer games and much much more. There will be Books, Sports Gear & Equipment, School Uniforms for sale.

Parents we need you to dust off those cookbooks, we need homemade cakes, buns, scones, breads and other sweet treats (nut free). Please label your tins and plates that are needed to be returned.

Limited Edition Prints of Harold Boys' NS "all the dreams you have, we have them too" unframed (in protective packaging with backing board) will also be available to purchase €30

Sincere thanks to our hardworking parents for organising this Spooktacular Fundraiser for our school. Money raised will be spent on IT and Sports equipment for the boys.

The following parents are on this year's committee:

2 nd Class	3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Alison Fegan	Kate Gill	Eleanor Dorgan	Niamh Murdock	Rachel Mc Callig
Mandy O' Neill	Jane Bourke	Cheryl Barrett	Jody Mc Sharry	Abby Dunleavy



Lunches: Many of the boys are enjoying our new healthy lunch delivery service from The Lunchbag.ie. If you wish to avail of this service, please download the App.



Pupil Well-Being: We would like to thank all of the boys for settling back to school after their summer holidays so seamlessly. They have all been fantastic and things have been running very smoothly since they have come back to school. All of the boys enjoyed an ice-cream on Friday 16th September as they had really earned this. Maith sibh!



Green Schools' News: Walk on Wednesday is more popular than ever this year. On dry days pupils may assemble at Cuala where they will be met by teachers and SNAs and set out for school at 8.45am.

4th and 5th classes recently took part in beach cleanups in Sandycove with Flossie and the Beach Cleaners.

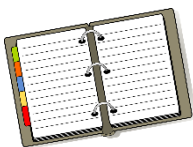


Goal Jersey Day was organised this year by Hugh Dunleavy, Javier Santos and James Kavanagh in Rang 6. Many thanks to all who supported. We raised over €300!



Gaelgeoirí Na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Hugh Ó Casaidh, Nioclás Ó Shuttleworth, Barra Dorgan, Sam Ó Murchú
Rang 3	Ben Ó Dubhair, Dáire Ó Suibhne, Tomás Ó Maolchathaigh Matangi, Séamus Ó Conolláin
Rang 4	Finnian Ó Murchú, Oilbhéar Mac Seanlaoich, Tadhg Ó Broin, Meiseill Ó Spealáin
Rang 5	Roibéard Ó Harrington, Aran Mac Cába, Rudy Ó Murchú, Luke Ó Foghlada
Rang 6	Conor Mc Grane Daniel, Hugh Dunleavy, Ethan Ó Casadaigh, Rohan Ó Broin Ryback



Dates for your Diary

21st October	Hallowe'en Bash 12-4 pm
26th October	Hallowe'en Safety talks for Rang 4, 5, 6
27 th October	School closes 2.30 p.m. to Mon 6 th November 8.50 a.m. Midterm Break.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Pauline Lennon

Principal