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Internet Safety Tips for Parents - Ask your son for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter. All parents are invited to sign up to our 'It takes a Village' voluntary smartphone code which has been in the news recently.



Writing - Many thanks for your support with this so far, please continue to support your son at home with his written homework. Practise editing skills at home, e.g. checking for capital letters and correct punctuation. So far this year, each class has practised their *Recount Writing* and *Report Writing*. This month we are focusing on *Narrative Writing*.



WOW (Walk on Wednesday) - Our ever-popular *Walk on Wednesday* is still underway every week. It is wonderful to see the boys' enthusiasm to walk to school each week from Cuala.
 *Please note; our WOW does not take place on wet mornings with heavy rainfall.



The Halloween Family Fun Day, which took place on Saturday 21st October, was a roaring success! Thank you so much to the Parents' Association along with all of the others who helped to make the day so wonderful. Thank you also to all our sponsors for their generous donations. We were delighted to welcome the Dalkey First Responders who gave an overview of the work they do in the community and also Oliver Mc Cabe who gave a cookery demonstration and launched his new cookbook for kids. Almost €5,000 was raised on the day!. This money will be put to great use in our school!



Scary Cake Competition - It was great to see the return of our scary cake competition this Hallowe'en. Well done to everyone who took part, the standard was so high! The competition was judged by local chef and author Oliver Mc Cabe, a past pupil of our school.

Congratulations to the winners from each class:

Rang 2	Rang 3	Rang 4	Rang 5	Rang 6
Coen Jackson James O' Grady	James Conlon	Tadhg O'Broin	Oliver Dobbin	Ethan Cassidy OVERALL winner 😊



Friendship Week 2023 - Our sixth *Friendship Week* at Harold Boys' takes place at the start of this month from Monday 6th November - Friday 10th November. Each day will be themed:

- **Musical Monday** - Drumming workshops for every class.
- **Togetherness Tuesday** - Debating between the classes.
- **Wellness Wednesday** - WOW (*Walk on Wednesday*), No written homework - spend time with a friend instead.
- **Thoughtful Thursday** - Classroom activities.
- **Friendship Friday** - Compliment Circles, 6th Class create an obstacle course for each class to try.



Science Week 2023 - We will be celebrating Science Week from 13th - 19th November. We look forward to seeing plenty of experiments, both at school and at home, during the week.



History Week 2023 - Our annual History Week will take place from Monday 20th - Friday 24th November. We look forward to seeing what wonderful artefacts the boys bring in, and of course, the **Historical Fancy Dress** on Friday 24th November.



Wellbeing News - Ms. Molloy is delighted to introduce our first ever Wellbeing Committee at Harold Boys' N.S. The boys on the committee have been doing trojan work so far to spread good news and to keep everyone informed of all of the lovely things that go on in our school.

Committee Members:

Rang 2	Rang 3	Rang 4	Rang 5	Rang 6
Max Becker Adam Berrigan	Jamie Farrell Darragh Sweeney	Xavier Culliton Finnian Murphy	Ronan Kennedy James McSherry-Power	Max Brodka David Madden



Active School Committee Members:

Rang 2	Rang 3	Rang 4	Rang 5	Rang 6
Sam Murphy Taigh Lyons	Jack Kavanagh Rory Redmond	Seán O'Dowd Daniel O'Shaughnessy	Bobby Harrington Rudy Murphy	Hugh Dunleavy James Kavanagh



Sports News: We are delighted to have sport up and running for all classes! We have **GAA** on Tuesdays with Mark Brennan from Cuala. Ed Randolph is coaching **Basketball** on Thursdays for 2nd and 3rd Class. **Swimming** lessons are taking place in Castle Park School for 4th Class every Thursday afternoon. 5th Class are taking part in the **Cycle Right** programme on Fridays. **After-School Gaelic** is back for boys in 5th and 6th Class. They are taking part in the Autumn GAA League Thomastown every Tuesday afternoon. A busy sports schedule for all!



GOAL Jersey Day was organised this year by Hugh Dunleavy, James Kavanagh & Javier Santos. A total of **€310** was raised. Thanks to all who supported this event, which took place on Friday 13th October.



Christmas Cards The boys have made a super job of designing this year's Christmas Cards. They may be ordered on Aladdin at a cost of €10.00 per pack of ten until FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER. Many thanks to all who have already ordered.



Green School Many thanks to Ms O' Neill and the boys on the Green Schools Committee for planting up our pots and wheelbarrows with some Winter colour. We look forward to planting some crocus bulbs under the horse chestnut tree in the coming weeks.



Parent Teacher Meetings for 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th class will be held on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November. Meetings are face to face and may be booked on Aladdin Connect.

08:50 8.50 Line Up. All pupils are expected to be in their line by 8.50 each morning, where they are met by their teachers and SNAs.



School Uniform Many thanks for your continued cooperation with our uniform policy. All pupils wear full school uniform (including school tie and black shoes) each Monday. Tracksuits are worn by all every Tuesday for GAA. Other tracksuit days will be advised by class teacher according to Sports Timetable, which varies throughout the year.



Homework. Please remember to sign your son's journal daily to confirm that homework has been completed and checked.



Curriculum Planning – All primary schools are required to close for one school day to plan for the *New Primary Maths Curriculum*. We have been allocated **Monday 13th of November** for our school closure.



Gaeilgeoirí na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Séamus Ó Grádaigh, Max Becker, Nioclás Breathnach
Rang 3	Séamus Ó Fearghail, Aodhán Ó Cioráin, Maitiú Ó Cadhain
Rang 4	Fionn de Brún, Caden Lú Breathnach, Dáire Ó Cnoic, Pádraig Foghlaidh
Rang 5	Rónán Ó Cinnéide, Ruadhrí Ó Conchubhair, Antón Ó Broin
Rang 6	Daithí Ó Madáin, Renz Tadique, Dónal Ó Maolchathaigh



Dates for Your Diary:

November 6 th	Friendship Week
November 13 th	Science Week
November 13 th	School Closed – Curriculum Planning
November 21 st -22 nd	Parent Teacher Meetings School finishes at 2.15pm on both days.
November 27 th	History Week
November 20 th	Clean Air Week
December 13 th	School Carol Service in Church 1:20pm
December 21 st	Nativity Play performances for parents and guardians
December 22 nd	12pm to Monday 8 th January 8.50am – Christmas Holidays

Le gach dea ghúí,

Pauline Lennon

Principal