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Newsletter - November 2021

Retirement: After 17 wonderful years in Harold Boys' N.S. I will be retiring in February. The Board of Management will be interviewing for a new Principal before Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board, the staff & the parents for all their support over the years. It has been an honour & a pleasure to lead teaching & learning in such a progressive school. I will miss the role & in particular I will miss the boys.



Internet Safety Tips for Parents - Check if it's suitable: The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites, including Facebook and Instagram.

Voluntary Contributions are needed for the running of the school. Please send in what you can afford as soon as possible.



Board of Management News - The school's *Critical Incident Policy & Plan Framework* was ratified at the last Board meeting.



Oral Language - Many thanks for your support with this so far, please continue to support your son at home with his weekly Oral Language homework. Practise Oral Language skills at home, e.g. encouraging ongoing conversation, asking questions, attending to listening skills, maintaining eye contact, reading aloud with your son.



Green Schools News - We had a very successful *Climate Action Week* during October. Our week was full of activities such as WOW and COW Day, The Great Plant Hunt Quiz for classes, and Plastic-Free Lunch Day. We ran a Class Bin Competition to ensure each class was putting different type of waste in the correct bins and extra points were awarded for reducing food waste in each class. Each class did a great job with everyone scoring over 40/50 but the eventual winners were 6th class who won a night off homework for their efforts! This month we will be organising events around *Clean Air Week* this month from November 15th -19th. We encourage everyone to walk, scoot or cycle to school, to cut down on air pollution and look after the environment.



Autumn Photography Competition 2021 - We had a fantastic response to our Autumn Photography Competition *I am passionate about.....*, with plenty of entries from across the school. With the standard and creativity of entries so high we were delighted to have Margaret, from *Photogenic Photographers* in Dalkey, take on the role of guest judge. Deciding on winners wasn't easy and they were very impressed with the boys' work. Well done to everyone who took part.

And the winners are.....

2 nd Class	3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Fionn Tighe <i>Self Portrait with Dog</i>	Oliver Dobbin <i>I love decorating & dressing up</i>	Tomás Mulcahy <i>Eyes on the Ball</i>	Bobby Liao <i>A happy peacock's family</i>	Beau McCabe <i>The battle of the VICO</i> Overall Winner



GOAL Jersey Day was organised this year by Alex O'Hagan & Lex Murphy. A total of €318.40 was raised. Thanks to all who supported this event, which took place on Friday 8th October.



PA Fundraising - Many thanks to our Parents' Association for their fundraising. With these funds we will be able to provide each class with some fabulous new resources.



Club Gaeilge - Is deis iontach í Club Gaeilge daltaí a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a labhairt.

Tugann sé dúshlán dóibh a gcuid Gaeilge a úsáid agus a chleachtadh go nádúrtha agus go spráúil. Cuideofar eispéireas dearfach a thabhairt dóibh maidir le húsáid na Gaeilge ina saol féin. Bíimid ag déanamh cluichí, dramaíocht, eolaíocht, ceol srl. Bíonn an-spraoi againn!

Club Gaeilge is a fantastic opportunity to encourage students to speak Irish. It challenges them to use their Irish in a natural and enjoyable way. It allows them to experience the Irish language in a unique and positive way. We do games, drama, Science, Music etc. We are having great fun!



Friendship Week 2021 - Our fourth *Friendship Week* at Harold Boys' will take place at the end of this month from Monday 22nd November - Friday 26th November. Each day will be themed; **Musical Monday** - Homemade Recyclable Instruments being used to accompany songs in school, **Togetherness Tuesday** - Debating between the classes via Zoom, **Wellness 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 out.



Science Week 2021 - We will be celebrating Science Week from 7th - 14th November. We look forward to seeing plenty of experiments, both at school and at home, during the week.



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. 5th Class are taking part in the **Cycle Right** programme on Fridays. **After-School Gaelic** is back for boys in 5th and 6th Class. This is more popular than ever, with over 35 boys signed up 😊
A busy sports schedule for all!



Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine:

Rang 2	Xavier Ó Culliton, Lúcas Mac Réamainn, Mícheál Baroid, Mateo Mac Breandáin Segura
Rang 3	Oilibhéar Doibín, Árón Mac Cába, Lúcas Mac Searraigh, Roibeard Ó hArrachtáin
Rang 4	Meiscill Brodka, Renz Tadique, Dáithí Ó Madáin, Éibhear McCallig
Rang 5	Séamus Doibín, Alsandar Chuilleánáin, Fionn Cushnahan, Soibáiste Ó Liatháin
Rang 6	Ruairí Ó Murchú, Ádam Ó Broin, Séamus Ó Héideáin, Gaibhin Ó Pluincéad

Dates for Your Diary:

November 7 th	Science Week
November 15 th	History Week & Clean Air Week
November 22 nd	Friendship Week
December 22 nd	12pm to Wednesday 5 th January 8.50am - Christmas Holidays

Le gach dea ghuí,

Teresa Buckley
Principal