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NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2021



Internet Safety Tip for Parents: Agree boundaries. Be clear what your child can and can't do online - where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share. Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet.

Welcome back to everyone! A special word of welcome to our new pupils in 2nd class.

We welcome two new teachers to the staff of Harold Boys' N.S., Anna Boyle and Miriam Schutte. We also welcome two new SNAs Tanya Breen & Jennifer Donoghue. We wish you all much happiness in the school.



Board of Management News:

Rena Garrigan has resigned from her position on the Board of Management. We would like to thank her for her time spent working with us. This has created a vacancy for a Mother Representative on our BOM. Please contact the school if you are interested by Monday 13th September.

The school's *Wellbeing* policy was ratified at the last Board Meeting.



Parents' Association AGM will take place on Monday 13th September at 8:00p.m. Please support the meeting.



School starts at 9.10 a.m. Please do not send you son to school before the doors open at 8.50am as there is no supervision provided before this time. Also, a reminder to be punctual when collecting your son at 2.30pm.

After School Activities: We will not be providing after school activities at the moment & will be in touch with you when they can resume.



We are proud to be entering our 16th year of the Discover Primary Science & Maths Awards. As part of our school project, we actively participate in Maths Week, Science Week, Engineers' Week and Tech Week. We have been very lucky over the years to have guest speakers from the parent body visit the school to share their expertise with the boys. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining us throughout the year to help us achieve our 16th award, we would be very grateful. Dates are listed below, but speakers are welcome any time! Please contact Ms. O'Carroll.

Maths Week	16 th - 24 th October 2021
Science Week	7 th - 14 th November 2021
Engineers' Week	5 th - 11 th March, 2022
Tech Week	Spring/Summer 2022



Green Schools News - Welcome back to school everyone. This year is year 2 working the Global Citizenship - Energy theme and we will be applying for our 7th Green Flag this year. Due to the disrupted year we

had last year, the boys who were on the Committee last year will get another year as their class Green Schools representative.

Also, we had two highly commended entries in the DLR Anti-Litter/Dog Fouling Poster Competition in May. These were Renz Tadique & Rex Montag, so well done to the boys for their excellent posters.

School Self Evaluation (S.S.E.) The area of focus this year is Oral Language, a strand of the *New Primary Language Curriculum - English*. We hope you will work on this at home with your son. More details will follow.



Lunches - As several pupils have food allergies, we ask you not to include the following in your son's lunch: Nutella, Snickers, peanut butter, or any other items containing nuts. Please remind your son not to share his lunch with anyone.

Healthy Lunch reminder: No crisps, bars, sweets, gum or fizzy drinks. The HSE advises first break to be a 'fruit break'. Friday can be a treat day e.g. a bar. This applies to school tours also.



Office Hours: 9:00am - 1:30pm Monday to Friday. Please note that the office is unattended after 1:30pm.



Uniform: Please ensure your son wears the correct uniform (including black shoes) on non P.E. days and that all items of the uniform have his name clearly marked on them. Uniform Crests are available in the office. The cost of the Crest is €6.



Book Rental - Please note: your son has been allocated an identification number which is on all the books he will rent this year. These books will be returned to the school in June 2022. Parents/Guardians will be asked to purchase new books if those rented are lost or damaged.



Sports News -

- Our GAA coaching will begin on Tuesday 21st September with Mark Brennan from Cuala.
- Basketball sessions with Ed Randolph will begin on Thursday 2nd September for Second and Third class.
- Fifth class will begin their seven-week cycling course on Friday 10th September.
- **Soccerthon 2021:** A total of €3,313.15 was raised on Friday 4th June. Well done to all who took part.



Gaelgeoir na Seachtaine

Rang 3	Roibeard Ó hArrachtáin, Séamus Mac Seiridh-de Paor, Eiric Ó Ríagáin, Diolun Cruadhlaoidh
Rang 4	Pádraig Ó Briain
Rang 5	Eoghain Mac Cormaic, Fionn Cruadhlaoidh, Alsandar Chuilleanáin
Rang 6	Gaibhin Ó hEoghain, Dáire Kral, Ruairí Ó Murchú. Cathal Mac Péice

Dates for your Diary

13 th September	Parents' Association AGM 8.00 p.m.
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Le gach dea ghuí,

Teresa Buckley
Principal