

St. Laurence's National School

Halloween Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the Autumn term comes to a close here in St. Laurence's N.S. I'd like to pay tribute to all the people who have helped in the successful running of the school, the Board of Management, all the staff, the Parents Committee, the Finance Committees and all the parents and pupils who have contributed enormously to our school.

A sincere thank you for all your co-operation with the staggered start and finish times and for complying with the social distancing and wearing of face masks.

School Events

Math's Week: Recently the children enjoyed participating in our schools math's week. There were lots of math's themed fun activities organized for all the classes including;

- Math's riddle everyday
- Class bingo, puzzles and games
- A math's table quiz was held for both the junior and senior school on Wednesday.
- A whole day of math's stations for Junior Infants to 2nd Class where most strands of the math's curriculum were covered

On-line creative writing: 3 classes in the senior school got to participate in a writing workshop with Jackie Burke (children's author). The writer spoke with the 3 classes separately about her books and read from her books. The children asked her questions about becoming an author/what inspires her writing.

Science Award: The school was awarded the SFI Science and Maths Award 2020/2021 – the award is in recognition of the STEM work carried out by each class in the school. 2nd Class attended the award ceremony on Zoom on Friday 15th October.

Green Schools: Our green schools committee is up and running once again and are busy keeping the school clean and green!

Sport: The children in both Junior and senior schools have been participating in a number of sports throughout the Autumn term.

- **Marathon Kids** The children in the senior school have been taking part in marathon kids.
- **GAA** –We were delighted to have Mark from the local GAA club Na Dubh Ghall come to the school this term to give the boys and girls in the Senior and Junior school GAA lessons.
- **Basketball & Tennis** – We hope to have both basketball and tennis back after the mid-term break.

Up to date pictures on all the school activities can be found on

www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org

Communions and Confirmations: Congratulations to all the boys and girls who celebrated their Communion and Confirmation days during the months of September and October.

Art Award: Congratulations to Joseph Byrne in Ms. Walsh's 4th class won a prize for the Summer Stars Reading Initiative (Art competition) held by Baldoyle Library during the summer.

Library in Senior School: We are delighted to update you on news of our new library room in the senior building. The library was previously in the old school building. We hope to get great use out of our new library space in the coming months.

Anti-bullying Pilot Programme: St Laurences are one of 26 schools in the country who are involved in The Fuse Anti-Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Programme. The pilot is run in conjunction with DCU and the Department of Education.



Fundraising

- **Parents Committee non-uniform day** – we continue to have our non-uniform days the first Friday of every month. Thank you to all the families who have contributed to this collection in October. Money collected from Parent's Association Collection goes toward supporting additional school activities.
- **Voluntary Contribution** – thank you to all the families who have given to our Voluntary Contribution on Aladdin. The money collected in this fund is of huge help to the school and goes toward the maintenance, heating and other essential bills to help keep the school running.

Enrolment for September 2022: Is ongoing, please attend to it as soon as possible. We had a number of disappointed applicants last year who we could not accommodate.

Junior Infant application forms and enrolment information is available in both offices and on our website at www.stlaurencesbaldoyle.org

New Appointments: Congratulations to Ms.O'Brien who has been appointed our new Deputy Principal following the retirement of Mrs. Helen Noble in June.

Once again I would like to thank everyone associated with the school and especially you the parents/guardians for your continued support and encouragement, as without it the school would not run as smoothly as it does. We greatly appreciate your constant good will.



We hope you all have a great Halloween Break



Clare Finnerty (Principal Teacher)