

Primrose Hill National School

October 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is incredible to think that we are now six weeks into the new academic year and mid-term is quickly approaching. The past month has seen a hive of Harvest activity in the school preparing for new and interesting initiatives to take place throughout the remainder of the school year.

Since our last newsletter, the Green School's Committee and the Active Committee have both been established. The Green School's Committee enjoyed a wonderful workshop with members of the Intel Solar for Schools team, after which they designed a poster for the official launch held in Scoil Mochua on Friday, 4th October 2019. The Active Committee are ensuring that we are staying active each day with the Daily Mile and our active lines at the end of all our break times. Both committees will be meeting regularly and planning a variety of activities that we can take part in throughout the year.

Some members of 6th Class will be accompanied by Mrs. Flood and Ms. Tobin to this year's Diocesan Service for the beginning of the school year. This year the service is taking place on Thursday, 17th October and the theme is "The Bare Necessities of Life". As always, the children deliver assembly on a weekly basis and we currently enjoying several classes bringing us the message of Harvest.

HEAD LICE

Head lice is always an issue in primary schools. We would request that long hair is tied up to avoid the transfer of lice from one to another. Long hair is not just confined to girls.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the Parents' Association took place on 12th September 2019. We were delighted to see some new parents attend the meeting and become involved. At the meeting, it was decided to explore some new fundraising ideas and the first is due to take place on Thursday, 24th October. The PA is hosting our first "MOVIE NIGHT". Information pertaining to this term's movie night was sent out in an email last week. Tickets are on sale from Tuesday, 15th October until Tuesday, 22nd October 2019. Tickets are €5 which includes a goody bag on the night. Tickets must be pre-purchased.

The Parents' Association also held a wonderful "Coffee-to-Go" morning that raised €155 in aid of Our Lady's Hospice. It was fantastic to see so many parents gather and chat over their coffee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 17th October – Diocesan Service for Primary Schools
- 24th October – Movie Night
- 25th October – Dress-up day in school/
Mid-term break
- 28th Oct – 1st Nov inclusive – School closed for
Mid-term Break.
- 4th November – Cycle Safety for 5th Class
- 8th November – Library visit for 1st/2nd/3rd Class
- 11th November – Clothing Collection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CYCLE SAFETY

This year all of 5th Class will participate in Cycle Safety. We will begin on Monday, 4th November. It is not necessary for every child to bring in their bicycles as they will be provided for them.

MAD SCIENCE SHOW

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful exhibition coming into school on Friday, 8th November courtesy of Celbridge Library. The show is part of the library's activities for Science Week. It will see the children from 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class explore a variety of experiments that will spark their imaginations.

DESIGN-A-CARD

Christmas is not too far away and we are starting to see all of the decorations appearing in the shop windows. This year, the children will be designing their own Christmas cards, wrapping paper and parcel tags. While we will be engaged in creating the initial designs in school, the proofs will be sent home in November along with an order form.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

After last year's successful clothing collection which raised over €200 and was used to hire a skip in June to clear out a lot of broken and disused equipment, we have decided to hold another collection following the mid-term break. Letters and collection bags will make their way home this week. All proceeds from this collection will be used for our Playground Resurfacing Fund.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

HEATING UPDATE

As the weather is getting colder, we made you aware that we discovered a problem with our heating system.

We are currently working on having the issue resolved and we are hoping that the heating will be back working following the Mid-Term break.

TEXTAPARENT APP

Please download the textaparent app to your mobile phone. The FREE app is available on App Store and Google Play. Parents will need to download this to the assigned* textaparent mobile phone. By downloading this app to the assigned mobile means the cost of sending messages is halved for the school.

Also you will have access to the school calendar which will be updated regularly.

If you have any questions, please contact the office.

* The *assigned textaparent mobile number* refers to the mobile number give to the school to received texts.