

Primrose Hill National School

November 2019

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the school year moves us into November and the weather turns decisively chillier, we are thrilled to continue to avail of numerous academic and sporting opportunities at Primrose Hill N.S. All children throughout the school have completed their first block of GAA skills with Jonathan Daniels and we were very fortunate to have Paul, the Mad Scientist, conducting some very enjoyable experiments with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class. The boys and girls in 4th, 5th and 6th Class have just participated in a wonderful workshop at Maynooth University, studying aspects of dinosaurs and other prehistoric fossils. We are really hoping to continue to avail of such wonderful workshops during the rest of the year.

As you are all aware, our playground equipment is in desperate need of a new surface and all fundraising efforts for this year are being dedicated towards this. I am extremely grateful to two Dads who have come forward and offered to assist in making the space useable until such time that we can replace the surface. They will be looking for some additional volunteers in the coming weeks to help spread bark mulch.

We are approaching one of the most wonderful times of the school calendar when teachers and pupils explore their more creative sides through art, music and drama. We have several events taking place in December to showcase these talents, please keep an eye to your emails to find out when and where these events are taking place.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

A huge thank you to all involved in organizing and supervising our recent "Halloween Movie Night". An impressive €588 has been raised for the playground fund.

Our next venture is to host a **Lego Day** on Sunday, 24th November. Drop-off is 12pm and Pick-up is 3pm. The event is €10 per child and must be paid prior before Friday, 22nd November. We would ask that children bring a lunch/ snack with them on the day. Please see email from school regarding further information on this event.

We are always looking for fresh volunteers and fresh ideas, so please feel free to come along to any of our meetings or speak to Mrs. Bertha Kavanagh (Chairperson).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th November – Junior Infant Vaccines

24th November – Lego Day

30th November – Church Christmas Fair

3rd December – Ms Tobin's Class Swimming

6th December – Storytime Sessions for Junior Infants – 1st Class

9th – 12th December – Book Fair in school

13th December – Cheerios Pantomime

15th December – Choir singing in Celbridge Manor Hotel

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SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

This year we are making a conscious effort to be mindful of others and especially those that are less fortunate than ourselves.

We have participated in the Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal and collected a fantastic 50 boxes to send off to boys and girls in Africa.

At the same time, we were also gathering bags and bags of our unwanted clothes. These have been collected by Liberties Recycling and the money we have raised from this collection will be used for our playground surface. A final figure is not available yet but should be available for our next newsletter. We are still a long way off our target for the playground surface and will be continuing fundraising efforts into the new year.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

To continue our theme of being mindful of others less fortunate than ourselves, we will be participating in an initiative called "Reverse Advent". As part of this, we will be collecting dry and canned foods over the advent period, from 1st December until 18th December. During the final week of term, we will parcel the goods up into hampers for the local community.



CAR PARKING IN THE LITTLE GROVE

Car parking around our school is always an issue and we are very grateful to our neighbours in the Little Grove for allowing parents to park during pick up times. However, the Board of Management would ask that this is not abused. Parking in this area is only permitting during the following times:

1.00pm – 1.30pm

2.00pm – 2.30pm

We would also ask that cars are switched off so that exhaust fumes are not being expended and creating air pollution in the area.

Another area to be mindful of is the bus bay. Parking in this area is strictly for the school bus. Any parents seen to be violating parking restrictions will be sent an official school warning prior to any reporting taking place. Frequent misuse of parking facilities will be reported to the relevant authority.

ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

If anyone has children who will be ready for Junior Infants next year, can you please make sure that they are on the enrolment list.

We will begin our application process at the end of January and any child not on the list may miss out on a place for September.