

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Well done to our new Junior Infants who started with us in September-You have settled so well! All our girls in Senior Infants and First are happily coming into school each morning and are clearly enjoying being back at school.

Communication

In as much as possible, we will be limiting the messages sent by teachers via Aladdin to Junior Infants, weekly update to be sent on Fridays at 3pm; Senior Infants and 1st class Homework to be sent weekly on Monday at 2:15 and their monthly update on the last Friday of each month at 3pm. We will also, in as much as possible, schedule all other messages which are sent to parents for 5pm. We will be also sending a monthly Newsletter with an update from the Parents Association included in each Newsletter. This should limit the number of individual messages that you receive from the school. We will also post these newsletters on the school's website so that you can access them readily during the month.



VISIT YOUR DAUGHTER'S CLASSROOM

ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO VISIT THEIR DAUGHTER'S CLASSROOM ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR DAUGHTER TO SHOW YOU AROUND HER CLASSROOM AND SHOW YOU SOME OF HER ARTWORK AND SCHOOLWORK. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU ON THE DAY.



Yard Glow-Up

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have contracted Elegant Lawns to complete the re-surfacing of our school yard. Over the past two years, in particular, the Parents Association have held a number of fundraising activities in aid of this project. Over €27,000 has been raised through Bingo nights; sponsored walks; sale of Christmas cards and T towels; raffle tickets and a school disco.

The projected start date is Monday 27th October. Together with the demolition of the walk-way which traversed the yard, the addition of a 4G unfilled grass pitch playground will make our yard a welcoming and safe environment for the girls to play in. We have also introduced some new games to the yard including Giant Jenga, Target throws and X and O. We will be adding more games and activities as the year progresses to make this an even more fun and vibrant space for the girls.

PA Update

A big thank you to everyone who donated costumes to the Clontarf Residents Association Halloween Costume Swap. We really appreciate all the support!

🎄 Preparation has begun for this year's Christmas card fundraiser. The girls will be colouring their cards over the coming weeks.

Upcoming Dates

School Disco

- For Junior Infant to 1st Class students.
- Friday 13th November with DJ Gordo. More information to follow!

📌 **October PA Meeting- Wednesday 21st October**

📌 **November PA Meeting- Wednesday 18th November**

It was great to see so many new faces at our September meeting. If you're interested in getting involved with the PA, feel free to come along to one of our meetings, everyone is very welcome!

-B.I.G.S PA

Road Safety

Congestion at the school gates is an ongoing problem, with some parents double parking, making u- turns or parking on footpaths at drop off and collection times. Our pupils are very small and double parking, making u- turns or parking on footpaths at drop off and collection times risks putting them in danger. We ask that families consider scooting, cycling or walking to school with a view to reducing the congestion and dangerous behaviour on Seafield Road. Please slow down and cross with the school warden only.



Well-Being Week

We are very excited to be holding another Well-being Week this year, from Monday 19th — Friday 23rd of October. As part of Well-being Week, the girls will be taking part in a circus-themed yoga workshop with Aoife (one of our amazing SNAs). We will also be visited by Maria O'Shea who will be hosting a Well-being workshop which will focus on the theme of Self-Compassion and Self-Worth. The girls will revise their road safety knowledge with the help of Mary our Lollipop lady and on Friday we will have a whole-school dress-up Halloween assembly and disco. All these lovely activities will be taking place alongside mindfulness moments and active breaks in the classroom. It will be a great week!

REMINDER SCHOOL IS CLOSING FOR A WEEK ON THE 23RD OF OCTOBER

Charity Fundraising

Each year, at Christmas, the girls wear red or Christmas themed clothing to school. The staff choose a charity to fundraise for. This year the charity our school will support will be chosen by the girls in 1st Class. Over the coming days, they will have the opportunity to learn about different charities, the work they do, and how donations can make a difference before casting their own votes. We hope that being involved in this process will help the girls develop an understanding of kindness, generosity and community, while also giving them a real sense of ownership. At six and seven years old, having their voices heard and knowing that their decision can help others is a meaningful way for them to begin to understand the positive impact they can have on the wider community.

Furthermore, we have decided to fundraise for the chosen charity three times in the school year—when the girls dress up for Halloween; when they wear red/Christmas themed clothing (usually the day Santa visits the school) and when they wear green or St Patrick's Day themed clothing for Lá Glas. Donations can be sent through Aladdin.



