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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

The first term of our new school year has gone very well. We are delighted with the progress we are making in school. We are continuing to work on our School Self-Evaluation for this year and we will share a survey with you soon. Attendance for September was 96.5%. This is really high and shows everyone is making a great effort to get to school.

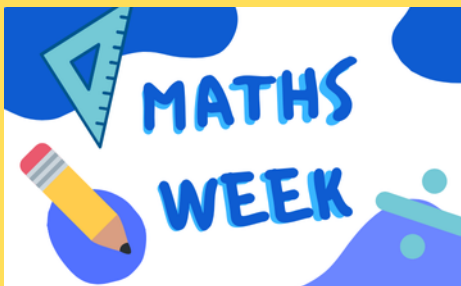
I wish you all a lovely Halloween Break. We will re-open on 6th November.

Le dea-ghuí,

Robbie Murphy

Maths Week 16th - 20th Spetember

All classes took part in fantastic maths activities throughout the week. We had a Maths Rap each day over the intercom, we had 6th class code breakers, Infants Maths Walks and lots more!



Dundrum Garda

We had Linda in from Dundrum Garda Station to speak to all of our 3rd and 4th class students about safety at Halloween. The students listened so respectfully. Safety at Halloween is so important.





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School Playground

We are so lucky to have a school playground! Every class visits the playground once a week every week!



Sport

GAA - Huge Congratulations to our Senior Girls' team on reaching the semi final. They represented the school so well and played their hearts out. We have some really talented footballers. Thank you to Rachel and Aiden Toher and Ms Morgan for organising.



Important Dates

Nativity Play in the Church

Wednesday 14th December at 12:00pm.

Christmas

22nd December 23 (12:30) - 8th January 24

2nd Class First Communion - 18/5/24

6th Class Confirmation - 30/4/24

GOAL Jersey Day

The students had a great day wearing all sorts of jerseys to support GOAL Jersey Day last Friday.



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New Board of Management

Thank you to all of the Parents who put their names forward as nominees to the Board of Management. Congratulations to Pádraig Cournane and Ceara Belviso on being elected.

Parents Association Discos!

Thank you to the Parents Association for organising discos for every class. They begin this Friday at 5 for the Junior End! Have lots of fun.

Why didn't the ghost
dance at the
Halloween party?



Because he had no
BODY to dance with!

Halloween Puns © AllWording.com

Ballyroan Irish Language Youth Club

Where? Ballyroan Boys School hall

When? Every Friday Junior club 18:00 – 19:30 Senior club 19:30 – 21:00

Who? Junior 10 – 13yrs, Senior 13 – 18yrs

Why? An excellent way to improve your child's spoken Irish in a fun and sociable environment, amongst friends.

How much? – €40 for the year

www.cnb.ie/en/cumann-na-bhfiann/

School Social Media Account



We have moved our social media account to Instagram – ourladysgns. Please follow us!

Website: <https://www.ourladysgns.ie/>

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Grandparents Day Report

Mr. Murphy invited our grandparents into our school to celebrate grandparents day.

Grandparents were welcome to visit between 12:30 and 1pm. At 12:30 lots of exited grandparents were outside the school gates ready to come in to the school.

Once they came in 6th class were standing outside waiting to bring grandparents to the right classroom they did a great job and no grandparent got lost!

All the girls in my class had to stand up and give a chair to a grandparent and this made the grandparents very happy.

When the grandparents came into my class we asked them questions about their school and how much different it was to our school.

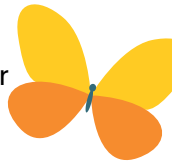
When they were in school it was a lot different to school now as they had knitting and baking as subjects.

We might think that our teachers are sometimes strict but back then teachers might slap you if you do something bad or wrong!

After they left our class they went to the hall for a wonderful performance by Ms Sharkey's class. They had tea and delicious biscuits while chatting in the hall.

We were very lucky to have so many lovely grandparents visit our school and we thank them for making the effort and travelling to see our lovely school and our super teachers.

By Caoimhe 4th class Ms Molony



National Basketball Arena

Yesterday, our whole class went to the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. We got a double-decker bus and I sat beside Hannah. When we arrived, we started playing with the basketballs and then we got into our teams.

Our first game was against St. Raphaela's and we drew with them. We were very proud as we have only ever played one friendly match before.

After lunch, we played against our own school because 6th Class was split into two teams. I think the other team won but we didn't mind that much as it was just a friendly.

They won two out of their three games. Next, we played Loreto and unfortunately we lost but apparently they had five club players so we were still happy with ourselves and I got a basket! I just threw the ball up and strangely, it went in! I was very happy. Then we got the bus home and I sat beside Hannah again. It was a really fun day!

Leah, Room 15



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Hi I'm Beth and I'm in Ms Hurley's 5th class and I will be telling you about pumpkins we made out of wool for Halloween. Here are a few steps on how to make them. 1. First we cut a hole in big Styrofoam balls. 2. Then our teacher gave us all different colours of wool. I got grey. 3. After that we had to wrap and weave the wool around it. It took a lot of tying knots and wrapping and patience but it was fun. We did them when we finished our work or if it was raining for yard. 4. Then our teacher gave us cinnamon sticks to put in the little hole that was left as the stem. It was so much fun! I loved doing them and they will look so nice as a Halloween decoration.



Report from Senior Infants (Everyone shared one sentence!)

Patrick Hunt came to our classroom. He helped us figure out about nature. He taught us some things we didn't know! We went outside.

He showed us lots of trees, like beech, willow and ash. Hurls are made from the ash tree! The beech tree has very pointy leaves. The leaves fall off in autumn.

He taught us about different types of berries. We can't eat the berries because they're for the birds. He told us about these helicopter seeds that you can plant. Patrick showed us different leaves and their patterns.

He taught us about different kinds of bugs, like woodlice! We learned about slugs and snails. He talked to us about different birds. He told us that some birds plant seeds by accident when they get food from bird feeders. Patrick told us how woodpeckers made holes in the trees.

Patrick talked about animals. He talked to us about the flowers and about how the bees get pollen.

We had fun!





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Rathfarnham Castle

Yesterday, we went to Rathfarnham Castle. We left school at about 10 and went on the bus.

When we got there, we had our lunch and then we went off with our tour guide. She showed us around the castle and told us all the history but my favourite part was definitely the story of 'The Skeleton in the Wall'. If you don't know about the skeleton in the wall, it is a myth about two guys who were in love with a girl and they both wanted to marry her so they locked her up in a closet and had a duel.

The winner would get her out of the closet and be with her. However, when they duelled, they both died so the girl was left stuck in the closet where she died and her skeleton was found about a hundred years later.

After the tour, we went to the playground which was huge! Then we got the bus back to school. Overall, I loved going to Rathfarnham Castle!

Kayla, Room 15



Green Schools Update!

by JingXi and Caoilinn
We are delighted to be on the new Green Schools Committee this year.

First of all, we would like to remind you to 'Reduce, Recycle and Reuse!'

We all need to do our part to look after our planet and stop climate change.

We have had such an exciting first term! We had 'Walk to School' week, the launching of the new Green School Committee and the 'Litter Pickers' project. We also have the 'Green Squad' in each class.

The Green Squad encourage everyone to recycle, reduce, be energy aware and walk to school on Wednesdays! Let's all work together and make a difference!



Spooky Shape Art from Room 4!



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The GAA team

In early September, 17 girls from the two 6th classes joined together with 3 coaches to form the GAA team.

We trained in Marley Park every Friday to compete in Cumman na mBunscoil.

All our practice and team work helped us get to the Semi Finals!

We are very passionate about the sport and really love to play and challenge ourselves to try new things. ⚽

We enjoyed playing for the school and hope the school get another chance to play next year.

By the 6th Class GAA team

