

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS OCTOBER 2021



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After a very challenging first half term on the covid front, the children have settled well into school. Thank you for your continued vigilance and co-operation with keeping everyone safe here in school.

Sacraments

Congratulations to our 6th class 2021 class who made their Confirmation on 25th September. We also congratulate our third class pupils who received their First Holy Communion on October 2nd.

Wellness

Every morning in school we have our morning meeting. Ms Quirke hosts the morning meeting via intercom. The whole school is quiet for this time each day. The children focus on breathing techniques and mindfulness. It creates a lovely positive atmosphere around the school each day. This year we plan to take part in the Amber Flag Initiative. This helps promote and endorse positive mental health and wellbeing.

Parking

We are fortunate to have a stop and drop facility outside the school but we require your co-operation to ensure it runs successfully. **Please do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended in the stop and drop. Please refrain from parking outside the stop and drop**



or across the road as it causes an obstruction and is a health & safety hazard. Collecting your child at the allocated time will also help to avoid congestion.

School Contribution

Many thanks to everyone who has paid their school contribution and a gentle reminder to those who have not, to do so at their earliest convenience using e-payments on Aladdin.

Photographer

Eamon Andrews will visit the school on the 23rd/24th November, to take individual and class photographs.

Enrolment

If you have a child starting school in September 2022 please notify the school. Our enrolment policy and admissions Notice is available to view on our website.

Parents Association

The AGM was held Tuesday 19th at 8:30 via zoom. We ask you to support our Halloween Split the Pot fundraiser. Draw will take place on Friday.

Healthy Eating

Please be mindful of our Healthy Eating Policy and in particular that only small

treats are permitted on Fridays. The pupils enjoyed participating in the Food Dudes healthy eating programme last week. It helps to cultivate a liking for fresh fruit and vegetables.

After School Activities

We are delighted to inform you that some of our after school activities are returning in November. A timetable will be issued this week.

Parent Teacher Meetings

This year our PTMs will be held on the week of 29th November. We will be in contact closer to the time with more information.

Please note school will close at 12.30pm on Friday 10th December to facilitate In-Service for staff.

Board of Management

The annual review of our child safeguarding statement and anti-bullying policy were completed at our October meeting. A Fire Drill was carried out this week in the school.

Maths Week

We are celebrating Maths Week in the school this week. The children are participating in many maths based activities – Maths TV, Maths Trails, Maths games, Puzzles, Jigsaws, Maths Eyes. There is an air of excitement each morn-

ing as new problems of the day are announced. They are really enjoying it. Check out <http://www.mathsworld.ie/2021/>

Anti-Bullying Week

will take place from 1st to 5th November. During this week, teachers will deliver lessons on anti-bullying. This is an extremely important week as this awareness campaign serves to remind everyone about the procedures we have in place to help prevent bullying and to deal with any cases of bullying. I would encourage you to talk to your child about bullying at home. Here is a link to the parents page of webwise with excellent advice to prevent bullying online. www.webwise.ie/category/parents/advice/

Halloween Fancy Dress

We invite children to dress up in Halloween costumes this Friday 22nd October. However, we would ask you not to send in any paraphernalia that may accompany the costumes and needs to be handled e.g. masks, swords, teeth, tridents etc. We especially welcome home made costumes. It is great to have an occasion to celebrate!

Hope Shoebox Appeal

This year the school will be taking part in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Boxes must be ready before 8th Nov. Details to follow on Aladdin

Halloween Holidays

School will be closed from 22nd to 31st October inclusive for the mid term break. We look forward to a safe and restful Halloween break. We will re-open on Mon 1st November.