



## November Newsletter 2023

### Child Safeguarding

Should you have any concern please note that the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Nóra Lynch and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is Grace Conneally.

### Aladdin Connect

Please ensure you have downloaded the app to your device as this is the communication tool used by the school. Please note that it is possible for both parents to download the app (where applicable). All notifications from the school will be sent via the app.

### Communication with Teachers/New School Email

Staff members can be contacted by making an appointment through the school office. Please email [secretary@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:secretary@ticknevinns.ie) if you wish to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. If you need to contact the school during the day the most effective method is by emailing the office. Please note that the only emails in use **to contact the school** are [secretary@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:secretary@ticknevinns.ie) or [office@ticknevinns.ie](mailto:office@ticknevinns.ie). The drop off and collection time is very busy and staff are needed for supervision to ensure the safety of the children so please try not to use this time to deliver messages or ask questions.

### New Board of Management 2023-2027

The four-year term of the current Board of Management is coming to an end on the 30th of November. The new BOM will be in place by the 1st of December. Trisha Dixon and Gary Mangan have been elected as parent nominees on the new Board of Management.

### Clothes Collection

Many thanks to all the families and our school community who supported our recent clothes collection. A total of €135.00 was raised for school funds.

### Tag Rugby

The pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes are continuing to work on their Tag Rugby skills with Dermot Tierney from Edenderry Rugby Club. We are awaiting an update on the rescheduled date for the Tag Rugby Blitz.

### Christmas Annuals

If you wish to order a Christmas annual for your child (optional), please return the order slip and payment can be made through Aladdin Connect.

### Spooky Walk

Our Spooky Walk took place prior to the midterm break. We had some amazing, creative and innovative costumes creeping around our school. An enjoyable day was had by all.



### Carbury County Champions

We were delighted to welcome some of the Carbury Ladies to our school before the midterm break. Carbury Ladies were recently crowned Junior County Champions and there was great excitement in the school to see the cup.



### In November We Remember

In the Catholic calendar, November brings a special time of the year where we remember loved ones who have gone before us. Classes are remembering their loved ones in many different ways and it is a lovely opportunity for families to share some memories of those who are no longer with us.

## Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

We would like to say a special thank you to all those who donated to the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. This is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. We are delighted to announce that this year we collected 57 boxes. Thank you all for your generosity. Thank you to Bernie who organised our school collection and Rachel Considine and the children of Scallywags Playschool for also donating shoe boxes.



## Music Generation - Ukulele

As previously outlined the subsidised pilot programme for the schools Music Generation Programme has expired. We would be greatly appreciative if parents would consider making a contribution of €1 per week going forward, to afford their children the opportunity with this unique experience and to learn how to play a musical instrument. The ability to play a musical instrument is known to have cross circular benefits coupled with giving the children great enjoyment.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings take place from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November. If you have not booked your appointment slot please book as soon as possible to meet your child's class teacher. For any parent who is unable to attend their child's PT meeting, please contact the school to arrange an alternative date and time to meet. There are two steps involved in booking a meeting:

**Step 1: Meeting Preference:** Please complete the form sent on Aladdin Connect Notifications. <https://forms.gle/63qn386ZMd1B2xiM8>

**Step 2: Book Meeting Time:** Booking meeting date/time can be done via the 'Parent Teacher Meetings' tab on the Aladdin app.

It is very important to communicate with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Please ensure you arrive promptly at your appointment time. Meetings will be

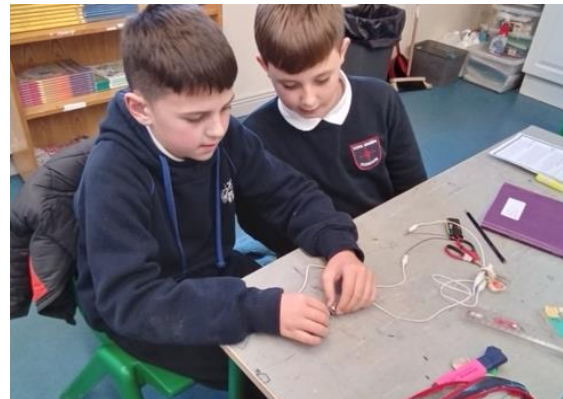
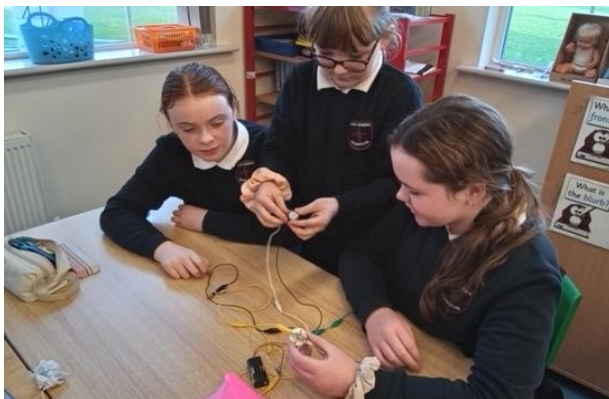
**10 minutes** in duration and we ask that parents knock on the classroom door at their appointment time for face-to-face meetings. Please be mindful not to delay, parents will be waiting as meeting times are scheduled back to back. If you require a longer meeting, an alternative meeting will have to be arranged at a later date. This will ensure that any concern can be discussed properly and without encroaching on another parent's allocated time.

### Seesaw

Please ensure you have updated the Permission Section on Aladdin for the Digital Learning Platform Seesaw. We will be using Seesaw for many tasks over the coming months. Each pupil will build up their own individual digital portfolio. All classes will receive tasks/homework to complete on Seesaw each week.

### Science Week 2023

Science is alive and well in our school this week as we celebrate Science Week. A selection of experiments and STEM activities are taking place in all classes. On Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes attended a workshop on Micro:Bits (coding) in Edenderry Library. This was a very enjoyable experience for our senior pupils. Keep an eye on our Twitter/X page for updates/pictures @brigid\_ns.



### Food Dudes Phase 2

Our Food Dudes Week for phase 2 will commence on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Each pupil will receive 5 days of complementary fresh fruit and vegetable delivered in fully compostable packaging with exciting optional ideas to celebrate healthy eating.

### Peace Proms Workshop

The pupils in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes have begun practising for the concert. They will be attending a workshop in the National Indoor Arena, Dublin on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**. The concert conductor Greg Beardsell will conduct the rehearsal. The concert will take place in the RDS on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm. Tickets for the concert have gone on sale.

### Heritage Keepers Programme

We were delighted to receive a place on the Heritage Keepers Programme for DEIS schools this year. Our senior pupils are taking part in this initiative. They will participate in five online workshops and will work towards identifying a local heritage action project. The class will receive an in class visit on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December to discuss what the pupils have discovered about their local area and their action plan.

### Christmas Carol Service/Christmas Bumper Raffle

A Carol Service will take place, on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** at the school. All classes will perform Christmas songs on the night.

The Parents Association will have a refreshment stall on the night with tea/coffee/cakes etc available to purchase. A Christmas raffle will be held after the performance. Tickets will go home with all pupils next week. Additional tickets can be purchased if required by contacting the school and also additional tickets will be available on the night.

The funds raised by the Parents' Association are vital to the running of the school and will contribute to the ongoing enhancement of facilities and learning opportunities for our children.

We would be grateful if you could tap into any contacts you may have through work/business/family etc. who would perhaps consider making a donation or contribute to a Christmas hamper. All donations would be greatly appreciated (vouchers/hamper/wine/chocolates etc.). If you are in a position to donate, please send any items in with the pupils and the Parents' Association will collect. Thanking you in advance for all your support.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE** - School Closure

The school has been requested by the Department of Education to allow staff attend compulsory training on the new Maths Curriculum. Please note that the school will be closed for staff training on **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Aladdin Connect-Calendar Section

All upcoming events for the remainder of the school year, as they become known to us, will be recorded on the Aladdin Connect app, in the 'Calendar' section. Please check the Aladdin Connect app regularly for notifications.

We look forward to seeing many of you next week for the Parent Teacher Meetings. My continued best wishes to you and your families.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Nóra Lynch

Principal St. Brigid's N.S.