

# Scoil Bhride Hallowe'en 2022



**Greetings all and we hope this newsletter finds you all well. Look...**

On all our behalf we'd like to thank Mr. Gallagher for his tireless work in empowering the children in Sports (as well as all other areas). In some ways schools are like the GPs of the medical profession but Sports Clubs are the Consultants!! Schools can do the general but often one needs the specialists. We are very lucky to have such great GAA and Soccer clubs locally so do avail of the great opportunity to develop and enhance your child's skills and fun. Of course we are well served with many facilities and it's great to get them (the children) off the couch.

*Thanks to all of you who took time to read and engage with Kildare County Council over the proposals. Kildare County Council (KCC) have been in contact with Scoil Bhride. KCC are currently reviewing submissions received as part of the statutory process (Part 8) for the proposed Naas to Kill cycle scheme with a view to alleviating and addressing concerns raised in relation to Scoil Bhride.*

***PLEASE remember traffic protocols within school grounds. Reverse in. Drive out. NO DROPPING OFF on roundabout. It's not safe and when one decides the safety rules don't apply to them, then more follow and then we all lose out.***

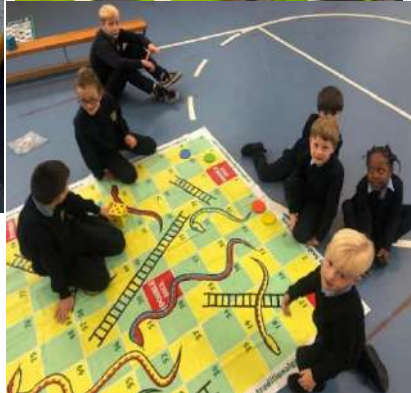
## Junior Infant News



Hello from Junior Infants! We have been working very hard during our first few weeks in big school. We have settled in and quickly made friends. We've been busy learning new sounds, classifying and making sets in Maths. It was Maths week last week and we really enjoyed playing all of the Maths games in the hall with 6<sup>th</sup> class. We love Bua na Cainte and our Gaeilge lessons, particularly 'Oíche Shamhna'. We enjoyed exploring our new school and especially love the library. We loved learning 'The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and 'The Wake Up Song'. We

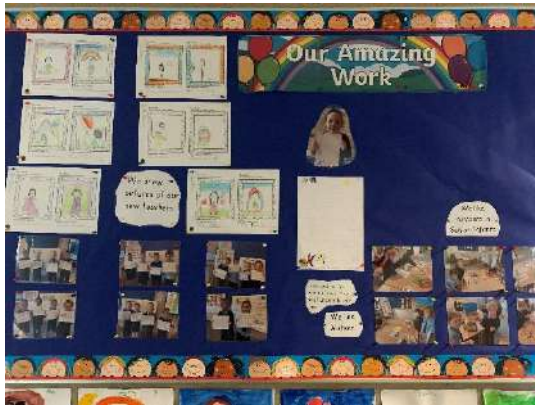


enjoyed learning about Autumn over the past few weeks; learning why leaves change colour, why leaves fall off their trees and all about the hedgehog and the squirrel. Our class Autumn walk was great fun. We're really looking forward to Halloween and can't wait to get dressed up in our scary costumes. Happy Hallowe'en everyone!!



## Senior Infants News

Senior Infants have been very busy in September and October settling back into school. We have had lots of fun during Aistear, exploring the topics of the doctor's surgery and school. We really enjoyed having a musician come to visit to teach us all about the uilleann pipes and to play some traditional Irish tunes. We have been looking for signs of Autumn in our school environment and we went on a scavenger hunt around the school. We love visiting the library each week to enjoy all of the lovely books. We have been working very hard in senior infants and we are looking forward to some well-deserved Halloween fun!!



### School Library

The school would like to thank sincerely all the parents who helped out with the recent school library makeover.

Our school library has to be one of the best in the country. It continues to be resourced by you the parents who support our annual Book Fair and donate books that you no longer require. Our library is such a lovely space for the children and library time is a highlight of their week.

A special thank you to Anne Marie and Ray for their hard work and to all the parents who help out on a weekly basis and at the annual Book Fair.

Watch out for more

news about this year's Book Fair which arrives on Thursday November 10th.



E. Kealey

### **First Class News**

We have had a great first term in first class and have adjusted well to spending an extra hour in school each day. We have spent a lot of time this term learning all about autumn and we even went on a very fun Autumn Walk, using our five senses to spot the signs of autumn. We have been really enjoying our literacy stations this month too, focusing on our sounds of the week, as well as our tricky words and Finn's Dream reading. We have also been super artists this term and have created lots of beautiful pieces of art, from hot air balloons to colour wheel umbrellas.

The weekly trips to our beautiful school library have been a highlight for many. We are enjoying exploring the vast collection of books available and using the ‘Squishmallow’ cushions to help us relax as we read. We are very excited for the Halloween mid-term break and are looking forward to going trick-or-treating!



Ms O’Sullivan’s class enjoying their Autumn Walk

Ms Brady’s class enjoying their time in the library

Ms Flatley’s class working hard during their literacy stations

## 2nd class

**2nd class** have had a busy few weeks settling in upstairs in their new classrooms. In September, we were learning all about our classmates (and teachers too!). This month, we have looked at Autumn and the animals that hibernate as well as Space Week in SESE. Our Art lessons have been all about Halloween, Space, Migration and Autumn.

We have worked hard on our Recount writing in September about “Our Holidays”, and have enjoyed starting our Report writing this month.

We celebrated Math’s week last week where we looked at patterns, completed maths trails and listened to Sally Lunt read “Cuthbert sees double” over Zoom. We played a number of fun maths games, with the help of Mr. Carty’s 3<sup>rd</sup> class.



We have also started GAA training with Coach Kelly and enjoyed the new library books (and new soft teddies/reading partners too!)



## **Green Schools**

A new Green Schools committee was elected this term and we have begun working towards our seventh Green Schools Flag 'Global Citizenship: Energy'. The committee are making a special effort to ensure we are conserving energy in the school. The Energy Squad visit classrooms each break to ensure lights, whiteboards, and taps are turned off. The Bin Monitors and Litter Pickers are continuing to monitor the amount of waste and litter in the school.

The school is taking part in The Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal again this year. Please make sure the Christmas Shoeboxes are in before November 7<sup>th</sup>. The school is also taking part in the WEEE Ireland battery recycling challenge this year. Each class has their own collection box and we are trying to collect as many old, unused batteries as we can. The competition is running until March 2023 and the prize is a €2,000 sports and PE equipment voucher for the school that collects the most batteries. Thank you for all the batteries sent in so far! 😊

## **Choir News**

We are so lucky this year to have over 120 students from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class in our Choir. We practise every Tuesday at our lunch time. The children are so enthusiastic and enjoy it thoroughly. We will be holding a concert for all on the night of December 20<sup>th</sup> in the school. It promises to be a great night full of music and singing. More details to follow on this.

For now we would again just like to thank and commend all choir participants, musicians and our dj's for their dedication and enthusiasm. Practise lots over midterm! Ms Moynihan, Mr Maguire, Ms Collier and Ms Brady.

## **Maria and Ross' classes**

We have had a very exciting and enjoyable first term in the special classes. We welcomed 2 new Junior Infant children into our class and have loved getting to know them. We have been working very hard and learning all about nature and our local villages. We have been on nature walks around the village where we collected lots of leaves for our leaf rubbings.

We have also been enjoying our weekly music lesson and PE class. We were very lucky to get to listen to the beautiful Uilleann Piping in the hall for the Liam O'Flynn Festival. We also dressed up last week for a "Wedding Party" and danced the morning away! It has been a very busy first term, maths week was great fun and enjoyed by all and of course, we have been regularly baking delicious treats for everyone here in the special classes.







## Sports News

Our Camogie girls were very unfortunate to lose out by the narrowest of margins to Ardclough in the recent U/11 Camogie Blitz. Kill played extremely well in all three matches and beat Straffan and Celbridge along the way. We are so lucky to have such good numbers and enthusiasm for Camogie in the school. Ms. Christian and Ms. Wright must be given a huge amount of thanks for all the hard work they have put in with the camogie girls since September. The Senior Hurlers played in a very competitive division and unfortunately did not have the success they deserved in relation to the effort that Mr. Kelly, Mr. Carty and all the boys put in every morning on the astro before school. Irrespective of their results, they have improved immeasurably since the beginning of year.

Last week we contested two county finals at U/11 level and the excitement around the school for the children was wonderful to witness. Ms. Purcell calmly guided the U/11 girls to our first county title at this level in years. On the day of the final, her inspirational words to the girls helped them produce a magnificent second half performance to defeat Rathangan in a very closely contested final. Our U/11 boys matched the achievements of our girls in defeating Scoil Uí Riada, Kilcock in the boys U-11 final. They produced a tremendous

display of their footballing talent to win comfortably in the end. Both panels had a huge number of players and every child played their part in the success of these teams.

I must also acknowledge the parents who give their time in the club every week and thank them for the immense contribution they make in the development of our young players. Today, as this newsletter goes to print we will be contesting two F.A.I. Kildare Division 1 Soccer Finals in the girls and boys competitions respectively. Ms. Dempsey has come on board with the basketball training and I wish her every success with the leagues commencing shortly. I must thank the G.A.A. Club and the Soccer Club who have been wonderful in giving us complete access to all their facilities. Finally, none of this success would be possible without the support of all the staff in the school and in particular to our Principal Mr. Kelleher who supports and encourages every year our participation in all these sporting competitions.

Pat Gallagher



U-11 Girls County Champions  
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Congratulations to the Boys' team on their victory yesterday Wednesday in Kilcullen and commiserations to the Girls' team. Both teams did their best in wet mucky conditions and hopefully enjoyed them selves and got life experiences to boot! Thanks to parents for continuous support on the side lines, for transport and for Jersey washing duties. Lots of effort goes into teams getting trained and prepped and it's a whole school effort with supervision and planning.

**See Flyer at end of Newsletter**

### Girls U11 County Final

Well done to the girls u11 team who won the County Final yesterday in Moorefield GAA. The girls played against Rathangan NS and won with an impressive score line of 1-8 to 0-2. They put in an outstanding performance in wet and windy conditions and never gave up until the final whistle. Great teamwork and leadership skills were shown across the team. Everyone played an important role on the panel, and they should be very proud of themselves. It is great to have two County Final wins in a week and we look forward to a great sporting year ahead for our school!

Thank you to Ms Purcell for all your hard work and dedication. We really appreciate it.

### 3rd Class News

It has been a busy start to 3<sup>rd</sup> class. First, we began learning about ourselves and our local area. We now know how to check our pulse and name the parts of our heart. We also investigated tooth decay by placing eggs in various liquids such as coffee, vinegar, coke, water and putting toothpaste around an egg and placing it in coffee. The shell of an egg is made of a similar substance to tooth enamel. We found out the liquid which protected the egg the most was water. We also found out that the toothpaste protected the egg from discolouring. The vinegar, coke and coffee stained and decayed the eggs.

We completed a project on Co. Kildare and drew maps of Kill and Johnstown. We compared our county with Co. Kerry. We went on a virtual holiday to Kerry visiting Dingle, the Ring of Kerry, the Gap of Dunloe and climbed Carrantouhill!

We have been practising our recount writing skills. To do this we learned about life on the International Space Station. Next we wrote a recount piece based on life in space.

During circle time we have started to learn about creating a positive emotion potion. Some of the ingredients we have looked at so far include ‘attitude of gratitude,’ ‘feel good flow’ and ‘random acts of kindness.’

We celebrated Roald Dahl day on September 13th. We created Roly Poly birds from ‘The Twits.’



During September we investigated our family trees and the meaning of our family crests. We created our own version of our family crests – what is important to our families.



#### 4<sup>th</sup> Class News

Fourth Class have settled back into school very well. We have been learning about the Counties of Ireland and are really enjoying learning more about County Kildare. We were very lucky to have had GAA coaching with Kellie and had great fun playing mini games.



#### 5<sup>th</sup> Class News

We have had a great first term in 5<sup>th</sup> Class. Throughout the term, we have been busy learning about recount writing and beginning on report writing. We created biographies on family members and famous people. We loved finding out what life was like when they were growing up.

We learned about history in the 1960's and really enjoyed learning more about the Beatles. We completed projects in groups.

Maths week was a great success and we loved helping with Senior Infants. Take a look at some pictures!

Ms. Jameson's class created amazing Art portraits. They also took part in the IZAK 9 challenge and had lots of fun.

Ms. Purcell's class took part in the online Math Quiz for Maths week. We researched and created our family crest.

Ms. Farry's class looked into their own family heritage and displayed the living family members artistically on a tree while remembering the deceased members in the memory garden.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Class News

We have settled really well into 6<sup>th</sup> class and we have been really busy this half term. We learned about recount and report writing. We went to Swimming lessons in Naas for 4 sessions. We learned about the Celts in History and the Cold War. We enjoyed learning about the bands Coldplay and Queen for music. Lots of us have been busy going to school sports and choir. We loved doing Halloween Art. We have lots of responsibilities in 6<sup>th</sup> class around the school and we enjoy that. We helped out during Maths Week with Junior Infants.

Ms Moynihan's class worked really well on History Projects and we really enjoyed doing our project presentations. We did fantastic Halloween Art also.

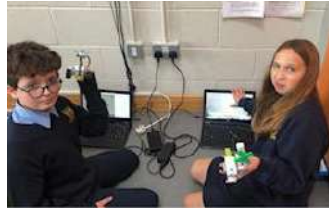


Mr Kelly's class took part in an online Maths quiz for Maths Week and went on a nature trail to study what types of trees we could find in the local park.



In Ms Finnegan's class we have been learning about the Earth and Space in Geography and we created clay models of the Earth, displaying each layer from crust to the inner core. We have also completed mini projects on many areas in SESE and we enjoyed presenting them. We made some scary Halloween masks that we cannot wait to wear!

Ms Holland's class learnt about coding for Maths week and made robots. We went on a nature trail to the local park with Mr. Kelly's class and had lots of fun collecting conkers. We loved learning about the heart too. We learnt how to check our pulse and test our fitness levels. Did you know that an Octopus has three hearts!



Please remember our "Car Park" is a Drop Off area and please drop and go. Please do not have your car idling due to poor air quality that ensues.

Please try to arrive on time... Not too early and not late.

No single use plastic please. We have healthy eating policy. No dogs except guide or Help dogs allowed on school grounds.

Please be extra vigilant for older people and animals at the loud and aggressive Hallowe'en time. Wishing you all a safe a happy Hallowe'en.

Brendan Kelleher, Board of Management and Staff.

# GIRLS WINTER

FOOTBALL ACADEMY KILL CELTIC F.C.



NOV 5TH - JAN 28TH

10:30-11:45AM

SATURDAY MORNINGS

(EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS)

GIRLS AGED 7-11

We are inviting all girls aged 7-11 to join us each Saturday to develop their Football skills in a safe and fun environment.

The Academy is run by FAI and Coerver accredited coaches and focuses on improving ball mastery skills and applying these skills in small-sided games.

The Girl's Academy is based at the Astro pitches at Scoil Bhríde as well as our club grounds on Straffan Rd, Kill.

register your interest contact:  
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