

6. Nuachtlitir

06-11-2023

Welcome back everyone.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Our annual Parent-Teacher meetings for Miss Dwyer's Senior Infants to Rang VI will take place on Tuesday November 21st from 3.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. and Thursday November 23rd from 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m. It is important that you avail of this opportunity to discuss your child's/children's progress with the teacher/s working with them. The time allocated for each meeting is 10 minutes. All class teachers will be in the halla. As we are using the halla for meetings, parents should make arrangements for child minding at home for the duration of the meeting as for safety reasons pupils may not be in school during the meetings.

Infants will go home at normal time (2 p.m.) and all other pupils will finish at 2.45 p.m. on Tuesday November 21st and Thursday November 23rd.

You will be able to book your preferred meeting time on the Aladdin app from Tuesday, November 7th. You will receive a notification once bookings are open.

Parent-Teacher meetings for Junior Infants and Miss Moss' Senior Infants will be held in January. If you have any concerns / questions you can contact class teachers by email or phone Anke in the office to request a phone call from the class teacher.

School Opening Time

Just a reminder again that the school will open to receive pupils at 9.05 a.m. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. for infants). Parents should make their own arrangements to have children met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

Playing in tennis court before or after school time

I wish to inform parents again that children playing in the tennis court before or after school, are not supervised by school staff and the school is not responsible for accidents or behaviour etc.

Halloween Fundraiser for The Parents' Association

Thank you to everyone for donating to our Parent's Association Fundraiser on Friday October 27th. The total money raised was €560!

Reminders:

Parents' Association Calendar Photos

The Parents' Association has organised for Michelle from Little Milestones Photography to take photos for the calendar this Wednesday, November 8th (see poster attached).

It is important that you have given permission for your child to be photographed. If you have not completed the consent on Aladdin yet, please do so before Tuesday November 7th. Children without parental consent cannot be included in the photographs.

Please see themes below for each month (birthday month). Could you please make sure your child has appropriate clothing/props with them on the day.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>IDEAS</u>
January	Winter	White Tops / Woolly Hats / Scarves / Faux Fur
February	Valentines	Pink / Red / Hearts
March	St. Patrick's Day	Green / White / Gold / Shamrocks
April	Easter	Yellow / Eggs / Baskets / Flowers
May	Sports	Jerseys / Sportswear / Footballs / Hurleys Etc
June	Schools Out!	Lots Of Colour! Props Will Be Provided
July	Beach	Summer Clothes / T-shirts and Shorts / Buckets and Spades / Sunglasses and Hats
August	Friendship	Multicoloured Tops and We Will Create Props
September	Back To School	School Uniforms / Tracksuits / Schoolbags / We Will Provide Props
October	Halloween	Masks / Costumes / Hats Etc
November	Rainy Day	Umbrellas / Wellies / Raincoats
December	Christmas	Santa Hats / Tinsel / Reindeer / Christmas Jumpers / Tops

Donations for Team Hope

We will be supporting the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. Team Hope is an Irish, Christian, International Development Charity working to help children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa. Team Hope works to bring positive long term change through their annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Sustainable Development projects. To find out more please go to their website www.teamhope.ie

We are asking families to donate one item from the list below for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The donated items will be collected from the school by members of Team Hope and the donations will be used to fill shoe boxes. Donations for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal can be brought to school after the mid-term break. The final day for donations will be Wednesday, November 15th.

Team Hope ask that you choose an item from one of the 4 W's to donate...

- **Wash:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap (wrapped), hairbrush, comb, facecloth
- **Wear:** Socks, underwear (new), hat/scarf, gloves, flip flops, t-shirts
- **Write:** Paper/Copy books, colouring books, pens/pencils, crayons, sharpeners, erasers
- **Wow!** Skipping rope, yo-yo, sweets (in date until April next year), musical instrument, cuddly toy (if pre-owned please ensure it is washed before donating), doll, ball, sunglasses, toy car

Team Hope asks that you please do not donate: liquids (shampoo, bubbles), sharp objects, food/chocolate, books with lots of words, scary items (Halloween, war related, masks, toy snakes), breakables or medicines.

Swimming Lessons

We have term 2 and 3 of swimming lessons starting this week. Please see the details below. Please complete permission on Aladdin.

	Dates	Times	Classes
Session 2	Tuesdays, November 7th- December 12th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss McGrath's 6th class (22) Ms Dorgan's 3rd class (10) Miss Hynes' 3rd class (27)
Session 3	Thursdays, November 9th - December 14th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss Barr's 6th class (22) Ms Lynch's 3rd class (25) Ms Dorgan's 4th class (10)

This timetable is subject to change.