



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Newsletter : October 2018

	<p>Road Safety</p> <p>We have concerns about the safety of the children being dropped off outside the school in the mornings. Some children are getting out of the car while it is still in a line of traffic. This is very unsafe practice and we ask you to pull into a parking space so that your children can exit the car safely and also so that your car does not obstruct other road users. Please reiterate the message that the children should cross with Karen, the lollipop lady, or at the traffic lights. We encourage the children to walk or cycle to school whenever possible, especially on Wednesdays and Fridays (WOW and WOF). School opens to receive children at 9.05. Only Book Club members allowed in earlier on Thursdays. Please help us to keep your children safe.</p>
	<p>Mangahigh Maths Week Ireland Ninja Challenge</p> <p>The Mangahigh Maths Week Ireland Ninja Challenge runs from Saturday 13th October @ 10am until the following Sunday 21st October @ 5pm.</p> <p>Scoil an Linbh Íosa are previous winners of this nationwide competition in 2015 and will be hoping to put in a good performance again this year.</p> <p>All children from Senior Infants to 6th will be participating at school and at home. Each child has their own login details and can login from a laptop/PC/iPad/tablet at https://www.mangahigh.com/en-gb/login</p> <p>The School ID is 30694.</p> <p>Read more about the challenge at https://info.mangahigh.com/mathswEEK</p> <p>Good Luck to everyone!</p>
	<p>Lost Property</p> <p>Although we have only been back at school a matter of weeks the lost property box is already overflowing. May I ask you to write your children's names on their clothing, particularly their jackets and jumpers.</p> <p>The lost property box is in the foyer, so please come and check if your children own anything there. All unclaimed garments will be donated to the PTA Clothing collection in November.</p>
	<p>Vouchers</p> <p>Friday October 12th is the last date for accepting vouchers from the Credit Union.</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have contributed financially to class activities. About 60% of families have paid towards such resources as Arts materials, photocopying and book rental. Every contribution, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated.</p>
	<p>School Photos</p> <p>Fran Byrne will come to the school on Wednesday October 17th to take class and individual photos of the children in Junior Infants and Sixth Class. We are happy to facilitate family members from other classes joining their brothers or sisters. Just let the class teacher know.</p> <p>Fran will take class photos for the school calendar at a later date.</p>
	<p>Witch and Wizard Walk</p> <p>Our annual Witch and Wizard Walk will take place on Thursday, October 25th. The children are invited to dress up as a witch or wizard (or any other Halloween character you deem suitable). We ask the children not to wear masks or carry 'weapons', as these can frighten some of the younger children. But general creativity is very welcome.</p> <p>This sponsored walk is a fundraiser for Sports and PE Resources in the school. Our supply of Yard Time equipment is particularly depleted at present and needs to be re-stocked.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your support for the walk.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">Presidential Election</p> <p>The school will close at 3pm on Thursday October 25th to facilitate voting in the Presidential Election. We reopen after the midterm break on Monday November 5th.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">Parent Teacher Meetings</p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings for First Class to Sixth Class will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd of November. This is an extremely important point of contact between home and school. It is an opportunity for you to let us know how you feel things are going and in turn we can share from our experiences so far this year. We will begin arranging appointments before Halloween. We hope we can find a mutually acceptable time to meet. Please note that the children will go home 10 minutes early (at 2.50pm) on the above dates to allow staff a short personal prep time.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Quiz</p> <p>Our annual Christmas Quiz in aid of St Vincent de Paul will take place on Wednesday December 5th at 7pm. Children from 3rd to 6th class will form teams and fly the flag for Prosperous, competing with 30 teams from the neighbouring schools. A date for your diary.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Concert</p> <p>Junior Infants, First Class, Third Class and Fifth Class will be inviting you to see them perform in their Christmas Concert on Thursday December 13th at 7pm to 9pm. Another date for your diary.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">PTA Cake Sale</p> <p>The PTA will hold their Halloween Cake Sale on Friday October 19th. They would be delighted to receive your home-baked treats. They would also welcome some help on the day if you can spare an hour or so, just let us know. The PTA are delighted to announce that Catherine Kennedy has been selected as the Parent nominee on the Board of Management. The BOM looks forward to working with Catherine.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">PTA Clothes Collection</p> <p>The PTA will organise a clothes collection later in November. So you might think of them and bag a few items for the PTA if you happen to do a little 'Autumn Cleaning' over Halloween. Further details to follow nearer the time.</p>								
 <p style="text-align: center;">Science</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science Week</p> <p>A big Thank You to Éanna Kennedy, Abban and Kate's Dad, for the Coding Sessions offered to 3rd class this week. We would also like to thank St Farnan's for inviting Sixth Class to a STEM session to mark Science Week. 3rd class were also lucky enough to work with a geologist from the Heritage Council last week. Science in many forms.</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">Creative Schools</p> <p>We are delighted to be listed among 150 Creative Schools in the country. We look forward to working with our Creative Associate, funded by the Arts Council, over the coming months. Fifth Classes thoroughly enjoyed the visit of the author Jackie Burke this week. They asked lots of probing questions. They may even be inspired to write!</p>								
	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Meetings</p> <p>If your child is making their First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year, please note the following dates:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Tuesday October 16th</td> <td>Meeting for parents in the Parish Hall *Holy Communion 7.30pm *Confirmation 8.15pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Thursday March 14th</td> <td>Confirmation with Bishop Nulty in the church at 11am (one ceremony)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Thursday March 21st</td> <td>First Confession in the church at 7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Saturday May 11th</td> <td>First Holy Communion in the church 2 services – 10am and 12 noon</td> </tr> </table>	Tuesday October 16th	Meeting for parents in the Parish Hall *Holy Communion 7.30pm *Confirmation 8.15pm	Thursday March 14th	Confirmation with Bishop Nulty in the church at 11am (one ceremony)	Thursday March 21st	First Confession in the church at 7pm	Saturday May 11th	First Holy Communion in the church 2 services – 10am and 12 noon
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