



St Patrick's Boys' School



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2022

Dates for Diary

Friday 28th October:	Children dress up in Halloween costumes
Friday 28th October:	Halloween Holidays (school closes at 2:00/3:00 pm)
Monday 7 th November:	School re-opens

Halloween Holidays

The school will close from Friday 28th October (which is the last day of term) until Monday 7th for the Halloween holidays. **Children are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes on Friday 28th.** We look forward to seeing all the creative costumes. This day is always great fun for our pupils. Many of the teachers and SNAs love to dress up too!

Halloween Singing

Junior & Senior Infants will perform a Halloween Concert on Friday 28th October (the day of the holidays). Parents, family and friends are invited to attend. This promises to be a fantastic event, not to be missed. The concert will start at 1:15pm and will be held in the Infant classroom.

Book Rental

Thank you to all the families that have paid the book rental for this year. Almost all families have paid by now. This scheme covers book rental, purchase of all workbooks, access to online materials, photocopying, printing, laminating and and crafts materials. We are very proud to run such a successful scheme. It is sustainable only if everyone contributes.

Safety in school grounds

Please note that only staff members may drive into, and park in school grounds. In the interest of fairness to all, please do not drive into this area. This also includes early morning arrivals for Breakfast Club. If you feel your circumstances are exceptional and you need to drive in, please speak to the principal. (Please note, a small number of families do have permission to drive into school grounds.)

Savings Club

Children are encouraged to save in multiples of €1 every Friday. €1 stamps are purchased and when a €20 card is full, it may be lodged into a Post Office savings account.

Safe Cycling

Sixth class pupils will complete a safe cycling programme with Fergus and Gemma McDaid in November. We have worked with Fergus and Gemma in previous years and their programme has proved very worthwhile. The children have also enjoyed this project very much in the past years.

FabLab/Sparoi & Spórt

Thank you to Paul and Áine from Spraoi & Spórt who are currently doing a weekly workshop with our senior classes. Over six weeks the children will have the opportunity to build their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) skills through hands on fun and engaging activities.

Vex robotics

Ms. Roxanna Hirrell visited LYIT recently for a course in vex Robotics. We hope to invest in additional equipment for this project.

Student Council

Thank you to the out-going Student Council for their work over the last year. The members were: Finn Duffy, Luke Butler, Adam McLaughlin, Riley Houten, Ronan Doherty McGuinness, Ben Kelly, Rory Bradley and Alex Doherty. A new council will be elected on Thursday.

Sports

Fifth & sixth classes are currently attending swimming lessons in Templemore Sports Complex. Third and fourth classes will have swimming lessons later in the year/in the new year.

John Gibbons will do sporting activities with Infants and third class for this term.

Cathal Doherty continues to do hurling skills with first, second and fourth classes.

Gaelic Football: The senior boys will take part in a school blitz on Thursday 20th with three other schools.

Soccer: The senior boys are currently playing weekly matches against schools throughout Inishowen. The boys have played eight matches to date securing six wins and two defeats. This week's match is against Whitecastle. Goalscorers to date are: Aaron J. Doherty (6), Rian O'Donnell (3), Cayden Greenwood (2), Oisín Harkin, Adel Manaa, Alex Bradley, Carter Taitt, Ryan Doherty, Aaron Doherty, Mohammad Khadija, Ronan Doherty McGuinness and Darragh O'Donnell.

A Last Man Standing competition will begin in the senior classes this week.

Wainfest

We had planned to attend some Wainfest activities this week. However, this was postponed due to the tragedy in Creeslough. The events will be planned for a later date.

Creeslough Tragedy

Our hearts go out to the families in Creeslough who have lost loved ones. All classes from second to sixth are praying daily for the victims, their families and the whole community.

Message from HSCL

I have recently sent out a **questionnaire** for parents in relation to potential courses to be run in the future. Thank you for all the responses so far. I am currently analysing the data and will be using this for future courses.

Pilates classes recently started in the Girl's School for parents of boys and girls. This is a 4-week session and being held every Monday for the month of October. We've had fantastic feedback on this so far.

We also have a **Financial Wellbeing** advisor attending this week offering advice on budgeting and money saving tips. Every little helps!

Our **Halloween Costume Swap Shop** will be running this week. Feel free to drop costumes into the school and take a different one for free. You do not need to leave a costume to take one.



Keep an eye on our **Instagram page** for upcoming courses in the school and the community. It's @Carnhscl. If you have any ideas/suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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