

NOVEMBER Newsletter 2020



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

This year the Christmas Shoebox Appeal is going virtual. Please follow the link to find out more about how you can support this worthy cause and create a virtual shoebox.

https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/?gclid=Cj0KCQiA48j9BRC-ARIsAMQu3WRd_dODQhxgE7wscmUducLx90TvOmiO9HaKjk8UEAr1KIY-KM5b4IkaAtYhEALw_wcB

We will also be running a No Uniform day this Friday 20th, in aid of the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. Pupils can bring in donations of any amount. These will be collected on Friday morning.



Heartfelt Thanks

The Board of Management would like to give a special **Thank You** to Gary and Tanya from O'Brien's Pub for their recent donation of €1,572.00 to school funds. Their continued support is very much appreciated.

Collection Time Safety

We would like to remind all parents and guardians that **cars should NOT be parked** on the grass verge, on the opposite side of the road to the school grounds, as this is causing a dangerous obstruction for passing traffic. We would ask for everyone's cooperation in this matter. It would also be important to pass on this message to other people (minders, grandparents etc.) who may be collecting children from the school. Parents are reminded **not to** gather at the school gates in the morning or evening and to please **wear a face covering**.



New SET Room

Our school building project has almost reached the stage for works on site to begin. Next Level Construction has been appointed as the contractor to complete the build.



Parent/ Teacher Meetings 2020/21

It has been decided to host this year's Parent/ Teacher meetings at the beginning of February. This will allow teachers time to build a more comprehensive learning profile of each pupil. If you have any concerns and you would like to schedule a phone meeting before this, please contact the class teacher by email.



Witch Walk

Our Halloween Witch Walk was a great success this year. It was organised a little differently to other years but it was still a fun-filled day for all of the pupils. Everyone was dressed in spooky costumes and there was great atmosphere of fun around the school. A big THANK YOU to the Parents' Association and to all the parents who decorated the village and the school grounds. The classes enjoyed their spooky walk in the morning and their treat bags from the PA in the afternoon. Thank you to all of the families for returning their sponsorship cards. A total of €1372.77 was raised.

Credit Union Art Competition



Congratulations to Annie Burke, 5th Class, who won 3rd prize in the 11-13 years category. In this year's Credit Union Schools' Art Competition. We are delighted to celebrate her success.

Infant Hurling



WELL DONE to the pupils in Junior and Senior Infants for completing their 6-week hurling programme with Miss Doyle. We have lots of stars in the making and they all thoroughly enjoyed the weekly puck around. Thank you to Miss Doyle for running the sessions.

Young Entrepreneur Success



Congratulations to Alfie Sludds Murphy, 6th Class, for all of his success to date with his small business venture. An article about Alfie and his sanitising pen product appeared in the Sunday World newspaper at the weekend and he was interviewed yesterday on Today FM. We are all very proud of his innovation and enthusiasm. We wish him every success in the future.

Music Term 1



Music payments for this term are now due. Thank you to all those who have paid so far. A payment link was sent to all families in October. The cost of music for the 1st term of 13 weeks is €13.00.

Buddy Friday



This week as part of our Wellbeing Programme we will host a Buddy Friday. All pupils can come to school dressed in their own clothes. The Buddies will meet during the week to 'coordinate their outfits' and we will have a whole school Buddy assembly on Friday morning. Families can also make donations to this year's Team Hope Shoebox appeal on the day.

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