



Newsletter Nov 9th 2021



Dates to Remember

12th November School Closed- Staff training - Meeting

7th-14th Nov – Science Week

15th-19th Anti Bullying Week

Science Week



This week we are focusing on Science and encouraging the boys to engage in many different science related activities.

Ask your child about activities he may have engaged in this week.

[There is an attachment to this email showing some science experiments to try at home](#)



Gaming & Social Networks - Keeping it Fun & Safe

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021 | 7:30 PM GMT

**See flyer attached with link to 'Free online webinar' tonight – 9th November.

Also as an attachment to this mail is 'Webwise – Parents Guide to a Better Internet'

Child Protection



Under the Children First Act 2015, certain people who work with children have additional legal obligations. These are known as Mandated Persons. If you are a Mandated Person, you are obliged to report to Tusla social work department any knowledge, belief, or reasonable suspicion that a child has been harmed, is being harmed or is at risk of being harmed. The Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-primary Schools 2017 give clear direction and guidance to school management and school personnel in relation to meeting the statutory obligations under the Children First Act, 2015 and in the continued implementation within the school setting of the best practice guidance set out in the updated Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children.

Children First Awareness Week took place from 1st to 7th November 2021. Children First promotes the protection of children from abuse and neglect, by setting out what individuals and organisations need to do to keep children safe, and how to deal with concerns about a child's safety or welfare. Society has a duty of care towards children, and everyone should be alert to the possibility that children they are in contact with may be abused or at risk of abuse or neglect. If you are concerned about a child or young person, you should contact Tusla social work department. Organisations classed as providers of relevant services under the Children First Act 2015 are required to complete a risk assessment and must have a Child Safeguarding Statement in place. More information on keeping children safe in our communities is available at gov.ie/childrenfirst

Please see our school website to view our safeguarding statement and risk assessment.

Covid Related link -

Please see link below for parent-focused public health advice about COVID-19 symptoms.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#health-advice-for-parents>

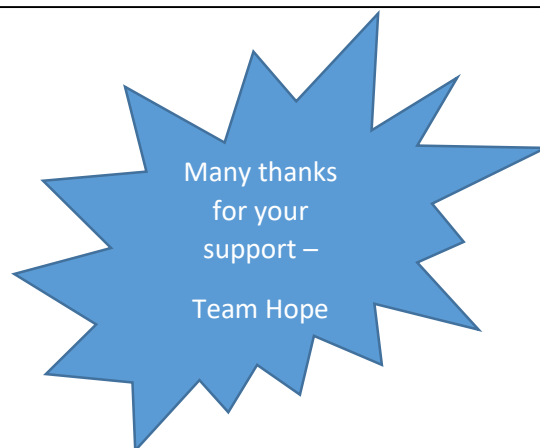
Anti Bullying Week

Next week is National Anti Bullying Week. We will be raising awareness here in the school by incorporating Anti Bullying classes and discussions into our daily teachings.

7 facts about Bullying in Irish Schools

1. Over one third of children in Irish primary schools are involved in bullying behaviour.
2. Over one fifth of primary school children in Ireland are the target of bullying behaviour.
3. Any child can become involved in bullying behaviour.
4. A significant proportion of bullying is rooted in a lack of respect for difference. There is a growing acknowledgement of the prevalence and impact of this kind of bullying, also known as 'prejudice-based' or 'identity-based' bullying. Homophobic and transphobic bullying are types of identity-based bullying that are rooted in prejudice.
5. Some children are more vulnerable to experiencing identity-based bullying because of their actual or perceived difference.
6. There is a clear link between the experience of homophobic or transphobic bullying at school and serious negative personal and educational outcomes for young people.
7. Although bullying is repeated behaviour a single incident on social media can be considered bullying and a single incident of intentional negative behaviour may be considered harassment (Equal Status Acts)

We work hard to instill a zero tolerance approach to bullying in our school. We are respectful and considerate to all parties involved and always work in as restorative an approach as possible. See our Anti bullying policy on our school website.



Oranmore junior parkrun is a free weekly community event that takes place every Sunday in Renville Park where kids, aged 4-14yrs, can run/walk/skip 2km and have the times recorded. The Oranmore event has been running since August 2017 and they have held 136 events with 7,368 kids crossing the finish line since their first event. Every event adheres to parkrun global code of conduct including Child First safeguarding and Garda vetting for run directors.

The community event is run by enthusiastic local volunteers. Detailed information can be found on the [Oranmore Junior parkrun](#) website.

Any child who wishes to participate in this free community event can turn up to Renville Park any Sunday at 09:20. There are some fantastic photographs capturing the kids smiles from their very first event in 2017 on [Oranmore Junior parkrun Facebook](#) page.

All parkrun events are completely free, and will always be free.

If you have any queries or would like more information , please email oranmorejuniors@parkrun.com

<https://www.parkrun.ie/oranmore-juniors/>

<https://www.facebook.com/oranmorejuniorparkrun/>

Also see flyer attached in relation to **DRAMATASTIC – Musical Theatre and Drama** group located in Roscam – Castlegar GAA Complex. Lessons starting 12th November