



## Newsletter November 8<sup>th</sup> 2022



### Dates to Remember

25<sup>th</sup> Nov School Closed.

14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Anti Bullying Week

14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov Science Week

## 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.**



The Galway Science and Technology festival is taking place in Galway University Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 10am-6pm.

This is a free event and a wonderful family day out.

We have family passes available in the secretary's office. If your child is interested, please ask them to collect one at the office. 70% of the tickets for shows and workshops are released on [galwayscience.eventbrite.ie](http://galwayscience.eventbrite.ie) and the other 30% are retained for people to queue up on the day



Aladdin Connect –Today you will be receiving notifications on your app for various permissions. Some of you will have already given these permissions but we are asking that you repeat the process via Aladdin Connect.

Apologies for this duplication of work but once we have all set up all our processes will be more streamlined and held under your son's account going forward.

All student absences can now be communicated to your class teacher via Aladdin Connect.



## Parents Association

A huge Thank you to our outgoing Parent's Association \*\*\*PLEASE SEE FLYER ATTACHED

Verona Quinn (Chairperson), Madeline Rabbitte, (Vice-chairperson) Carmel McGrath (Treasurer), Claire Burke. (Social Media)

This committee have been a huge support to the school over the last few years providing unwavering hands on support throughout the pandemic and beyond.

We very much appreciate all of your efforts over the last number of years. The children in our school have certainly enjoyed the benefits of your efforts, through fundraising for events, hosting events, and much more. Thank you.

We look forward to working with our new Parents Association.

## Oranmore – Maree Feis na nOg, 2022-2023

For those of you new to the school in the last couple of years the Feis na nÓg is a unique event that takes place in March each year during Seachtain na Gaeilge to promote the use of and a love for the Irish language and culture in our community. It is an important and exciting day, *run by parents* and supported by the schools, for all the children of the four parish schools.

Parental Volunteers are needed to run this event.

Please see flyer with further information attached if you are interested in volunteering.



Congratulations to the O'Callaghan family on their recent win of the **school Lotto Jackpot**. We are all delighted for them and are very grateful to them for supporting our fundraiser over the last number of years.

CONGRATULATIONS

If you haven't signed up for our school lotto please do, for as little as 2€ per week it makes a huge difference to us.



6<sup>th</sup> class parents

This year's Confirmation  
will be celebrated on the  
9<sup>th</sup> March at 11 am.