



Newsletter October 10th 2023



Dates to Remember

Staff meeting – **Friday 13th October** – School closed at 12pm

AGM Parents Association **19th October** – **8pm** – Please support. See flyer attached.



Emergency Contacts

Please check your son's emergency contact number on his Aladdin Profile.

We need an emergency contact number for every child.

Please also ensure that a parent's number is not listed as the emergency contact. We need both parent's numbers (where applicable), and an emergency contact number.

It is seldom, if ever, we ring an emergency contact number, thankfully.



Creative Cluster Arts Program

We are so excited to be in year two of the Creative Cluster program this year.

Creative Cluster is an arts program in which we received funding to do projects while also working closely with three other schools - Calasanctius, Gaelscoil de hÍde and Maree N.S.

You may have seen our beautiful mosaic that our school created last year and heard about our excellent Drummadore day last June. Both projects were funded by the Creative Cluster Program.

This year we have lots of exciting art projects brainstormed and we will be in touch soon with more information.

In the meantime, we need two things:

1. **Bottle Caps:** Could we ask that you save all bottle caps you have at home and send them in to us clean and dry. These caps can be anything from milk carton caps, tomato puree caps, bottle caps of soya sauce, beer etc. Any type of cap at all would be a massive help for one of our art projects.
2. **Permission for photographs and videos:** We aim to document the Creative Cluster projects in a video across all four schools and also display photos of our work at an art exhibition later in the year.

The school will be sending out permission requests via Aladdin this week. This permission request will allow us to use photos and video footage from both last year and this year's arts projects. It is an exciting program and will be a great opportunity to showcase the children's work. However, we need parental permission to include your child(ren)'s image. It is important for us to know if you do not want your child's photo used in the exhibition, video and Creative Cluster program in good time as we will be documenting as we go. This permission request will be sent out this week. We look forward to updating you throughout the year with our progress.



Sports Update -

Congratulations to our Mini 7's football and hurling teams who both qualified for the county finals.

Best of luck to the boys and their coaches who are looking forward to the county finals.

Please note that the details of the Mini-Sevens finals are as follows:

Tuesday 17th October at Kilconieron G.A.A. Grounds, Carrabane

Hurling Finals start at 12:15 p.m.

Thursday 19th October at Annaghdown G.A.A. Grounds

Boys Football Finals start at 12:15 p.m

**See our facebook page for photos of the team.
Permissions will follow.

Athletics

Congratulations to both Junior and Senior running teams who participated last week in Renmore

Best of luck to our Junior team who were county Champions last week.

The boys will participate in the Connacht Finals tomorrow in Tuam. (Photos on school facebook page)

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held the week of the 23rd of October. Mon- Wed 2 30pm – 5pm
Our booking slots will be opened next week and you will be informed of same in advance.



Dojo Mór 2023

Free coding workshops from **DojoMór 2023**, funded by the Higher Education Authority of Ireland, will be hosted online, from **10am to 2pm, Saturday 21st October 2023**, offering a range of fun and creative coding activities to suit all ages and interests.

On the day, thousands of students, from primary and secondary schools around Ireland, can enjoy some fun coding games, by following along with our different workshop videos. For the full workshop information and for bookings, you can visit www.dojomor.ie

Bookings are open now.

Register early, by 15th October and be in with a chance to win a free Vex Robotics workshop from STEMed.ie worth €480.

Headlice

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/head-lice-nits/>

We have been informed by parents of cases of headlice. Classes have been notified, however, it is important that all children's heads are checked regularly to ensure it's contained and managed.

Please check your child's hair regularly. It is the time of year for outbreaks to occur.

See link above for HSE advice.