



St. Laurence's National School Halloween Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the Autumn term comes to a close here in St. Laurence's N.S. I'd like to pay tribute to all the people who have helped in the successful running of the school, the Board of Management, all the staff, the Parents Committee, the Finance Committees and all the parents and pupils who have contributed enormously to our school.

School Events

Maths Week

Recently the children enjoyed participating in our schools maths week. There were lots of fun activities organised including;

- Math's trail for every class
- Math's riddle everyday
- Math's escape room for 3rd to 6th Classes
- A whole day of math's stations for Junior Infants to 2nd Class where most strands of the math's curriculum were covered



School trips during Math's Week included;

- 2nd class had the opportunity to go to the Helix theatre to see a "Murderous Math's" workshop
- A "Lego Challenges" workshop in Marshes Library Woodquay (3rd class)
- 4th class took part in an organized math's trail in Castletown house in Celbridge
- 6th class had an Isak 9 demo workshop
- 5th class will have the opportunity to attend a Sea and Marine workshop in Baldoyle Library in November

Choir

Children from 4th class are participating in a new initiative in conjunction with St. Michael's house. It is a new Fingal initiative in conjunction with Michael's House in it is an artist in-residence scheme where the children from both schools participate in music workshops weekly. Our little stars were featured on RTE News today on Friday 18th October

Sport

The children in both Junior and Senior schools have been participating in a number of sports throughout the Autumn term.

- **Marathon Kids** The children in the Senior school have been taking part in marathon kids throughout the term. They will be running their final mile in Santry on Wednesday 13th November.
- **Basketball** – The junior School students have been taking part in basketball training with Isaac Westbrooks. The boys and girls' basketball teams in the Senior school participated in the Dublin Primary Basketball Leagues. The girls and boys have made it to the cup and plate final respectively and both games are scheduled for 25th November. Well done all.
- **GAA** –We were delighted to have Mark from the local GAA club Na Dubh Ghall come to the school this term to give the boys and girls in the Senior school GAA lessons. Both boys and girls GAA teams have participated in the Cumann na mBunscol GAA competition They had a number of very competitive matches and performed very well in all. Well done to all the players on the teams.

Fundraising

- **Parents Committee:** Once again we thank all the Committee members who have done tremendous work in organising **Class Calendars**, the **Marathon Sponsorship Cards**, **non-uniform days** and **Cake Sale**. **€851.00 was raised during the Halloween cake sale in the Junior School.**
- **Finance Committee:** Have worked tirelessly during October on the **envelope collection** and this contribution is absolutely vital to the financial well-being of the school. The second part of the collection will start at the end of January 2020.

Enrolment for 2020/2021:- is ongoing and as places are filling up fast, please attend to it as soon as possible. We had a number of disappointed applicants last year who we could not accommodate.

Application Forms available in both offices.

Once again I would like to thank everyone associated with the school and especially you the parents/guardians for your continued support and encouragement, as without it the school would not run as smoothly as it does. We greatly appreciate your constant good will.

We hope you all have a great Halloween Break

Clare Finnerty (Principal Teacher)

