

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2017



Sponsored Walk:

Thank you for supporting our Annual Family Sponsored Walk, there was a great turnout.

We raised €7942.20. We would like to thank Eamonn McGinn of Country Fresh, for sponsoring the apples.

Congratulations to the following:

Hamper: Maeve Mulholland

Lucky Sponsor: Eileen Woods

Top Prizes: Saoirse Connolly

Kayleigh Gray Oakes

Jerry McFadden

Naoise & Bébhinn Harris

Tennis:

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Class enjoyed their tennis coaching this term.



Book Fair:

Our bi-annual book fair will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.00pm.



Welcome:

We welcome Mr Pete Loughran to our school. We hope that he will be very happy here and receive a warm Kilkenny welcome!

Sciath Mhic Raoise:

Our boys have reached the final of the 9 a-side football competition. They will play the final on Saturday 11th November, venue to be decided. Thanks to our coaches Tommy Kirk and Mr Pete Loughran.

Halloween Concert:

Junior and Senior Infants are looking forward to welcoming their parents and grandparents to our school on Friday 27th at 1.15pm, to enjoy their Halloween Concert.

The Student Council will be looking after refreshments.

Trick or Treat for Temple Street:

All children are welcome to dress up tomorrow and bring in €2 donation towards Temple Street Childrens' Hospital.

They may wear their school tracksuit underneath.

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Parent teacher meetings are scheduled for the 15th/ 16th of November.

You received your allocated time on the 13th September along with your holiday calendar.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

As a school we take part in this appeal annually. This is being co-ordinated by our Student Council. These leaflets have been sent home.

Please return all boxes by Friday 10th November.

For more information go to:
www.teamhope.ie

Transition to Secondary School:

We have had the De La Salle College, St. Mary's (Marist), Coláiste Chú Chulainn/Lú and O'Fiaich College visiting the school over the past few weeks. It is important that you enrol your child into the secondary school of your choice well in advance. We encourage all families to visit open days to help with your decision. The other secondary schools will be visiting over the next few weeks.

Maths Week:

16th-20th October is Maths Week Ireland. Teachers and pupils have been busy enjoying lots of fun maths activities. In celebrating Maths week we are reinforcing a positive image of maths. It promotes awareness, appreciation and understanding of maths through a variety of events and activities. Visit our Twitter account to see what was happening in our school.

Artists Visit:

Second, fifth and sixth class really enjoyed the visit by two artists to our school on Thursday 19th October. We have three lovely magic trees on display in the school. You are welcome to drop in to see them!

Parents Association:

A big thank you to our outgoing Chairperson Niamh Larkin for her dedicated work and enthusiasm over the past three years. We welcome our new Chairperson Gillian McEntegart. Thanks also to Caroline Deery who has acted as secretary over the past three years your work is much appreciated. We welcome our new secretary Vicky McGauley. Our Parents Association work together for the best possible education for our Children. They need your support.

Halloween Disco:

Our Parents Association have organised a Halloween Disco for this Friday evening.

It will commence at 6pm in the Community Centre and end at 7.15pm.



Pop up Shop:

Due to the success of last year's pop up shop the Parents Association are running it again this year from :

30th November—2nd December in the Long Walk Shopping Centre.

They need donations of children's toys, books, new clothes, handbags, bric a brac, household ornaments, small items of furniture, CDs, DVDs, and more.

All items can be left in the Community Centre.

They will also be raffling Christmas Hampers on the 2nd December and need items for the hampers.

Local History Visit to Roche Castle:

On Thursday 28th September 2017, 5th class went on a field trip to Roche Castle. Here they met with a local historian, archaeologist and artist called Micheál McKeown, who showed them around the castle and taught them about what castle life was like. Micheál explained to the children how the castle was built, showed them the various parts of the castle and their uses, and showed the children photographs and artefacts found on the site of the castle. The children had a great day and learned lots about the local history of our area.

A huge thank you to Micheál for all of his help.

