

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge Newsletter



October 2024

You Asked, We Listened!

Thank you to all parents who completed the parental questionnaire as part of our school development process. It was great to hear what you, our parents feel the school does well and also read about any areas which we can improve on. Over the last number of years due to the pandemic and teacher industrial action contact with teachers has been greatly reduced. In the survey a number of parents expressed a wish for a return to face to face parent teacher meetings.



We are pleased to inform you that we will now be inviting you back to meet with your child's teacher in school. Parents of children who have personalised learning plans have already received communication on this, and their parent teacher meetings have been taking place throughout this week and next week. All other parents will be invited to meet with their child's teacher at the end of the month.

To facilitate this and support our parents we have moved the reporting to parents to the evening of the 29th of October.

The support staff will be running our annual Halloween Disco at the same time as the meetings, we hope that this will help you out with childcare whilst attending. Booking will open at 10am on Monday 7th of October. Simply telephone Mrs Gallagher on 028 8165 8439 to reserve your slot. If you have children in more than one class, it is a good idea to book your times close together. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any worries or concerns that there may be. *Please note some teachers may open up a small number of additional slots outside of the evening time which may suit some parents.*

Reminders!!!

Halloween Disco



Halloween Costume Swap Shop

Please donate any Halloween costumes which are too small or unused to the school by 18th of October. We will then open a stall from 21st to 25th of October for parents to choose a pre-loved costume. This is a great way to kit your child out for the disco at no additional cost. Great for the environment too!



Important Dates

1st — 11 October:

- Parent Teacher Meetings for children with PLPS.

4th October:

- Back on Track Programme begins.

14th October:

- Maths Week Ireland

28th October:

- Justin Logue Workshops P1-P3

29th October:

- Parent Teacher Meetings
- Halloween Disco

Halloween Holidays: 30th October — 4th November inclusive.

5th November — School Reopens for 2nd half of term.



Good Relations Week

Our KS2 children enjoyed a wonderful celebration with their friends from Ardstraw Jubilee PS at the end of Good Relations Week. Thank you to Rural Housing for organising such a fabulous day, the children enjoyed mask making, dancing, sports, and foods from a range of other cultures.



Sports and PE Days

We are pleased to have Tyrone GAA, RM Multisports and Naomh Eoghan providing coaching again this term, as the year progresses a range of other sports will be introduced. KS2 have swimming on Fridays and our PE Days are Mondays and Wednesdays. We are using our new PE scheme this year which was devised with the help of Libby Mailey. We know the children are going to enjoy their physical activity very much.



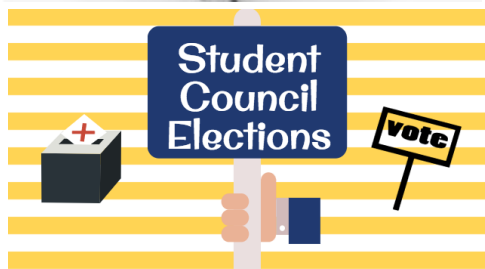
Boost Programme and Back on Track

A number of parents will have received letters about the Boost Programme and the Back on Track Programme. Children were selected for these programmes based on performance and ability. We hope that the children involved will be able to progress their learning with this support and that this will be reflected in their engagement and test data as the year progresses.



Board of Governors

Our Board of Governors will be reconstituting very soon. The current parent representative is Kelly Boyle who has indicated that she is willing to stay in her role, if, however, there are other parents who would like to express an interest in being elected please make yourselves known to Miss Gormley. There are specific background areas of expertise that we wish to attract.



Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council elections will be taking place next week. Well done to the children who have been working hard on their campaigns. We look forward to hearing from you at assembly tomorrow. A big thank you to our out-going Pupil Council for their commitment and work carried out throughout the last academic year.



Contact with Staff

Our parent code of conduct was circulated again to families in September. This clearly outlines how to make contact with staff, a brief overview was also provided on the September Newsletter. A gentle reminder that communication should be through a telephone call or short note directed to your child's teacher in the first instance. Email is not a method we use in St Eugene's PS for communication with parents. Staff cannot verify the identity of a parent through this platform, nor can we be diverted from our full-time teaching duties to answer and respond to emails. We thank you for your cooperation.