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Be safe Be seen

Friday, November 11th was a momentous day for our school when we were hosts to the launch of this year's Winter Be Safe Be Seen campaign for the midland region, spearheaded by Tullamore and District Rotary Club. Deputy Garda Commissioner, Ms Anne Marie McMahon, Professor Eoin Sheehan, orthopaedic consultant, Midlands Regional Hospital, current Rose of Tralee, Rachel Duffy, Formula 4 driver Alex Dunne, Midlands Radio 3, members of the emergency services including the national emergency ambulances, Tullamore fire brigade incident and rescue units, the Garda response units, Monsignor Coonan, local principals and pupils were all present on the day.

Perhaps the most special guest, according to the children, was The Seatbelt Sheriff. Our pupils have taken on the role of being ambassadors for wearing your seatbelt, going forward as a result of his wonderful words of wisdom.

With live broadcasting by Midlands 103, the important safety message this winter is to light up, wear helmets, high-vis clothing and vests when out and about, cycling, travelling on e-scooters or walking and to always remember **Be Safe Be Seen!**

A special word of thanks to 6th Class pupils Amy and Thea who were involved in a re-enactment of an accident scene showing the consequences, as they cycled without wearing high visibility clothing.

We would like to thank members of Tullamore and District club and members of our Parents' Association who provided refreshments for all. Thank you also to our pupils and staff who worked very hard to prepare for the event.

Special mention goes to Breda Colgan, Board of Management and Aidan Minnock, Parents' Association for the huge amount of behind the scenes preparation they put into making the event such a tremendous success.

Freaky Friday

Our annual Hallowe'en dress-up day was a huge success yet again with an amazing array of costumes on show! Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money, we collected over €300 which will be passed onto our local St Vincent de Paul.



Playground Fundraiser

A sincere thank you to Ms Anne McGuinness who bravely took on the elements in aid of playground equipment, a sheltered area, a storage area, an outdoor trampoline and if funds stretch that far, a soft ground area for the school. Ms McGuinness swam every day for the month of October and has raised €1205 to date. Thank you to everyone who donated and if any parents wish to donate, they can send money in to the office or use the link below. We will be holding another fundraiser (see below) before we purchase the equipment and we look forward to your continued support. A GoFundMe link can be found on:

<https://gofund.me/f30c26ce>

Teaching Practice

Thank you to teaching practice student Niamh Kenny who was on a 10-week placement recently in our school. We wish her the very best in her future teaching career.

Work Placement

Past pupil, Ella Gorry recently spent a busy week helping out as part of her Transition Year Programme. Thank you, Ella for all your help.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-teacher meetings took place at the end of November. Teachers were delighted to get the opportunity to meet and speak with you, listen to your concerns and let you know how your child has been progressing in school. If, for whatever reason you missed your meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will reschedule it.



As part of the Town Twinning Project with Jaux in France, students Daithí Farrell, Ciara Dunne, Stephen Conway & Colm McAleer took part in a project where they learned how to create a wire sculpture of a tree and helped create a sculpture for our school, which will be gifted to us shortly. A big thank to Mary O'Connor, Denise Keogh and the BBG Town Twinning Committee for their work and for giving our school the opportunity to take part in this initiative.



We are very pleased with the roll out of Aladdin Connect recently. It is a fantastic communication tool between parents and school. It enables parents to stay connected and informed about their child's education. Should you have any queries regarding your registration or need any assistance, please let us know.

You may also find further information on the following link:

https://www.aladdin.ie/connect_app_faqs.html



All classes were very busy during Science Week 2022, exploring, experimenting and enjoying all things scientific (see our social media pages for lots of photos) 6th Class were given the opportunity to visit Tullamore College during the week and have reported back about meeting past pupils and seeing "cool optical illusions, amazing explosions and magnet races".



Thank you to the staff and pupils of the Sacred Heart Secondary School for inviting our 6th Class pupils to their recent show. They performed the musical Sister Act and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.



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Hip-Hop Dancing Note of Welcome

All classes throughout the school are once again moving to the groove with Sonya's fun and energetic hip-hop classes for six weeks, each Thursday which started earlier this month.

Note of Welcome

Welcome to Anna-Julia, our newest pupil in Ballinagar N.S. Go n-éirí leat i gconáí



Shoebox Appeal

Once more we had lots of very generous donations to Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Thank you to all who donated towards this very worthy cause, delivering gifts to vulnerable children across the world.

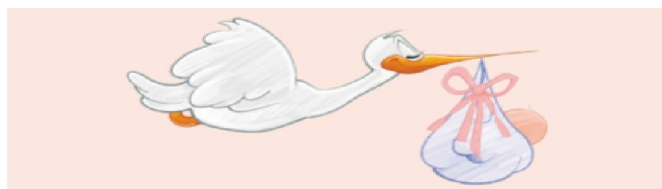


Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December 2022 we will be taking part in our annual Christmas Jumper Day to raise money for playground equipment. As always, it's sure to lift the Christmas spirit of one and all and donations are welcomed, but optional.

Killeigh Community Centre

Plans are well underway to build a community centre in Killeigh for the people of the locality and surrounding areas. The centre will be a place to socialise and hold educational & leisure events for young and old. You can support by entering the **Win a House in Enfield** competition. Tickets are €100 and the draw will take place on December 19th 2022. Please see <https://winahouseinmeath.com>



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Ms Feighery and her husband John on the recent birth of baby Sally and to Mr Spain and to his wife Sinéad on the birth of their baby girl, Kate. Best wishes to all.



Deepest sympathies to Ms Delphina Scally on the recent death of her mother Annette Hobbs of Gorey, Co. Wexford. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

SAVE THE DATE

Ócáidí Speisialta na Nollag

It's getting close to that festive time of year again and preparations are underway for our Christmas performances. All pupils are busy preparing, under the guidance of their teachers and SNAs. The wonderful sound of children singing is permeating the building and we are in for a real treat!

Please take note of the following dates.

3rd to 6th Class:

Thursday December 15th, 6pm-8pm

Junior Infants to 2nd Class:

Monday December 19th, *Matinee Shows*: Ms Quinn-1pm, Ms Kelly 1:30pm, Ms Whelan-2pm.

Evening Show. 6-8pm

Looking forward to seeing you there!