

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Another busy and exciting couple of weeks here at SETNS, with lots of wonderful achievements and activities to share!

In this edition, we celebrate our boys' GAA team's fantastic league win and wish our girls' team the very best of luck in their match today! We also share news of our exciting new partnership with Microsoft Dream Space, along with plenty of updates and highlights from around the school.

I would also like to sincerely thank our parents and wider school community for your continued support, understanding and the many kind messages and well wishes we have received ahead of Wednesday's industrial action. Your kindness and encouragement are very much appreciated by all of us.

A gentle reminder that the school will be closed this Wednesday, 14th October, due to the planned industrial action. There is also the possibility of a further closure on Wednesday, 21st October, should the industrial action proceed. We will keep families updated as soon as further information becomes available.

Thank you, as always, for being such a supportive school community. Enjoy catching up on all the latest news from SETNS!

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DATES:

- **14th and 21st Oct:** Strike Days - school closures
- **15th and 16th Oct:** PAC Hallowe'en Costume Swap
- **22nd Oct:** 3rd and 4th Class Hallowe'en Garda Talk
- **23rd Oct:** JI Admissions closes
- **23rd Oct:** Hallowe'en Sponsored Dance Party (Jnr & Snr. Inf) Sponsored Walk (1st-6th)
- **23rd Oct:** Mid Term Break (usual finish times for all classes)
- **6th Nov:** School Closure - Curriculum Enactment Training

Stepaside Educate Together NS

SPOOKTACULAR

Sponsored Walk & Infants Party

Friday 23rd of October

The Sponsored Walk will take place class by class from 1st to 6th
Junior & Senior Infants Classes will have a Fancy Dress Party

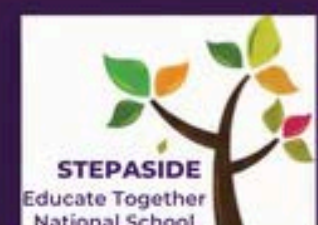
To make the day more special children are allowed to bring in a treat.
Please make sure the treat does not contain nuts...
We need to be mindful of those allergies!



THANKS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION!



All money raised will go towards
kitting out our school teams



STUDENT COUNCIL - FIRST MEETING

Our wonderful Student Council got off to a fantastic start with their first meeting of the school year!

This year Term 1 will consist of 1A, 2C, 3C, 4C 5C, 6C and Stepping Stones Senior rep.

Term 2 will feature 1B, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A and Stepping Stones Senior rep and finally Term 3 will include 1A & 1B, 2B, 3B, 4B, 5B, 6B and Stepping Stones Senior rep. This is to ensure all pupils get a fair turn at taking on events and practising their leadership throughout the school year.

It was lovely to bring our pupil representatives together and hear their ideas, opinions and suggestions for making SETNS an even happier, safer and more inclusive school.

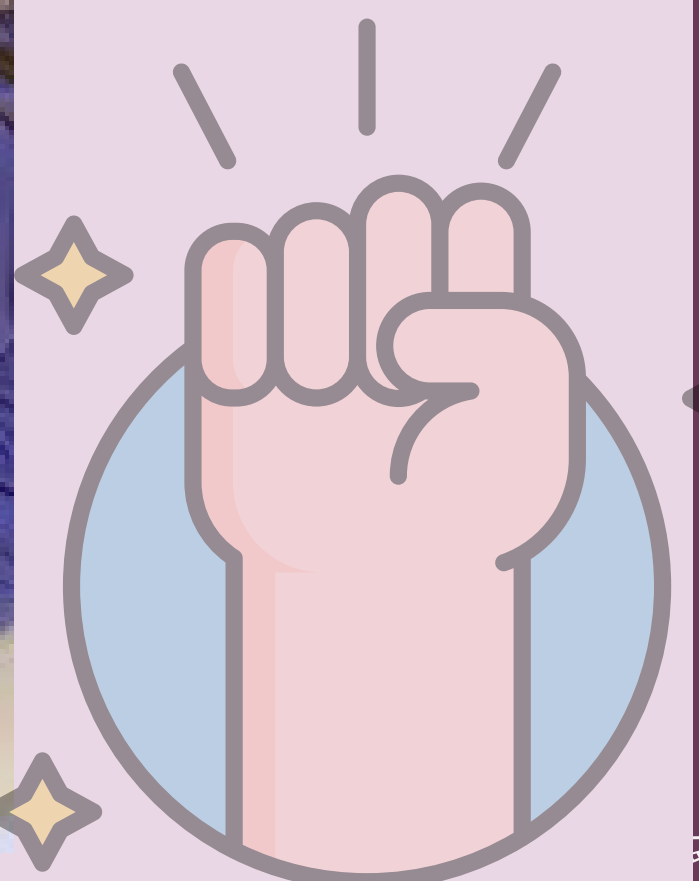
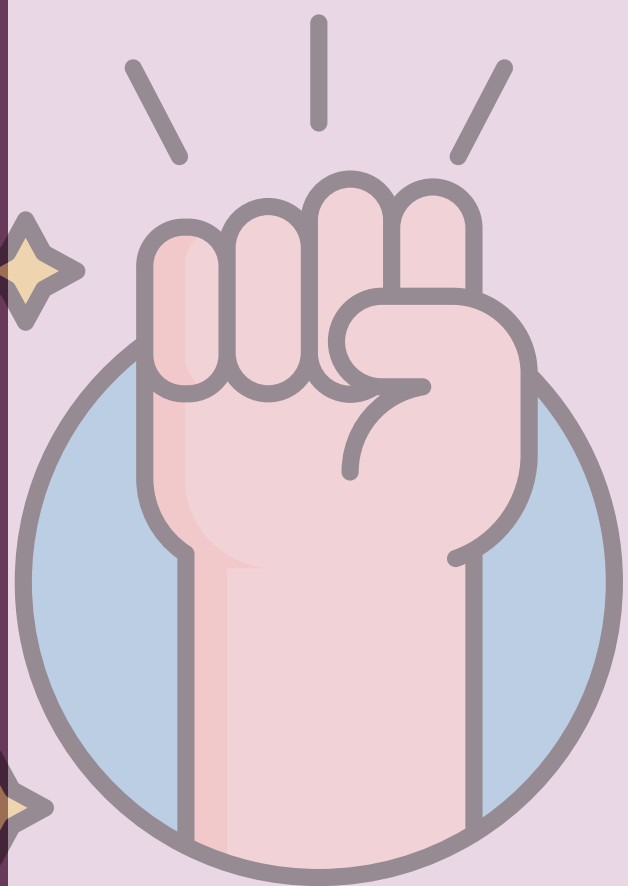
We had a busy agenda! The children shared ideas about how we can make breaktimes enjoyable for everyone. We also talked about child safeguarding, what it means to feel safe in school, and the importance of being a "telling school", where every child knows there is always a trusted adult they can turn to.

Our Student Council members were also introduced to our Wellbeing Surveys, which explore children's experiences of PE, friendships, feelings, staying safe and learning about ourselves through SPHE. These were distributed to a selection of classes across the school. Their feedback will play an important role in helping us shape our Wellbeing priorities over the next two years and feed into our new policy which will be written later in the year.

Finally, we discussed our Bí Cineálta policy, how students can identify a trusted adult, how to make telling feel safer and reflected on what's working well at SETNS.

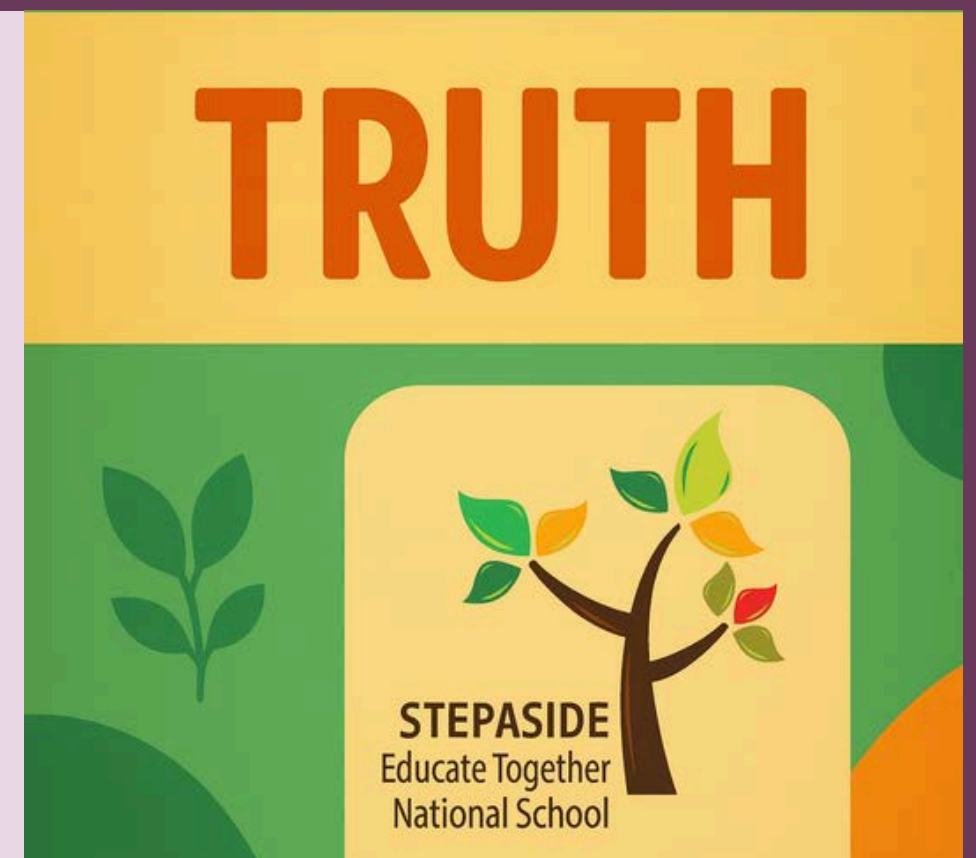
We are so proud of our Student Council representatives for taking on this important role. Children's voices really matter at SETNS, and we are excited to see their ideas help shape school life throughout the year.

Well done, everyone!



LEARN TOGETHER ETHICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

**OUR VALUE OF
THE MONTH IS:**



WATCH THIS SPACE!

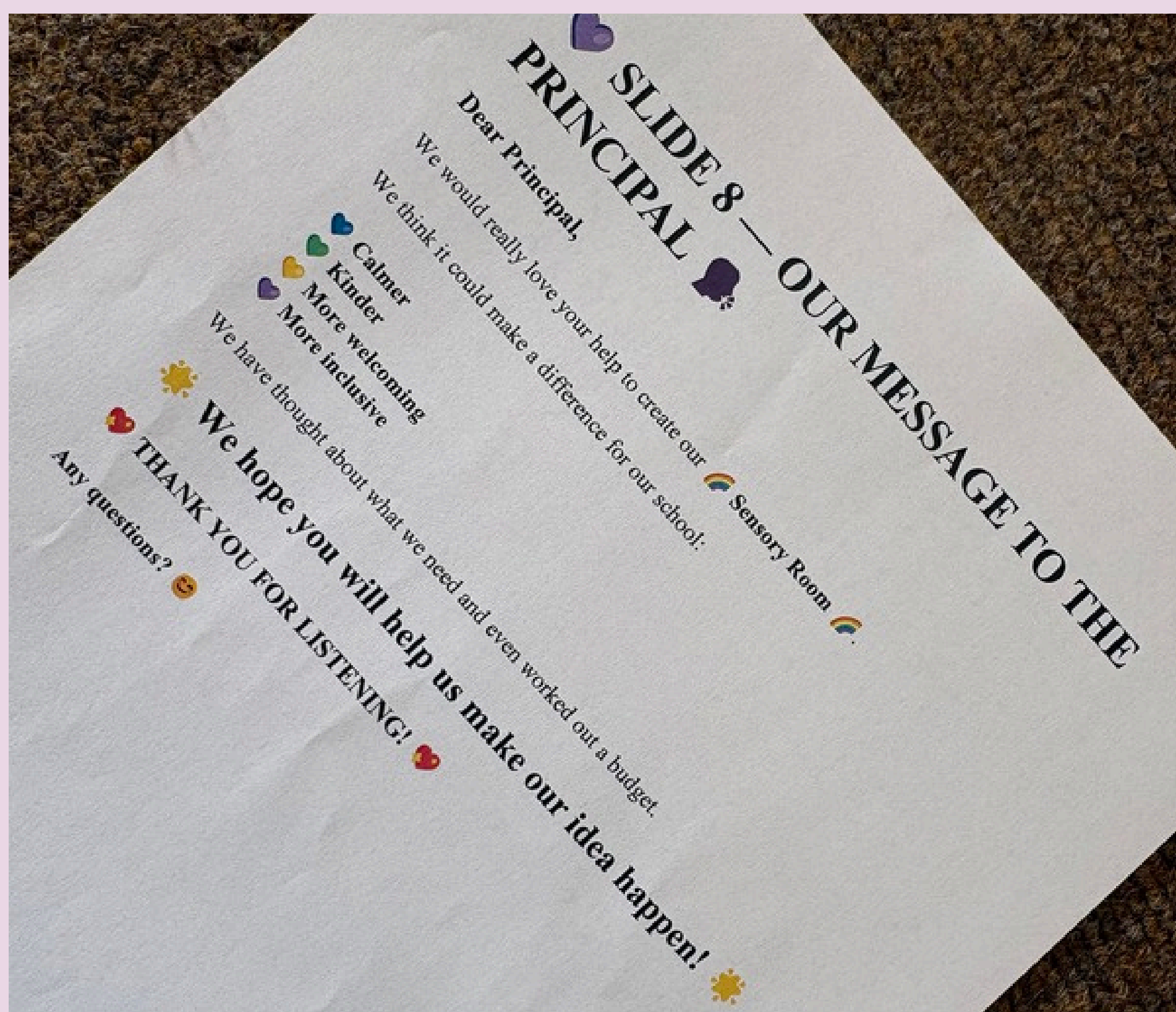
A huge well done to two of our wonderful pupils, Hazel and Dan (5B) who have been working incredibly hard over the past few weeks on a truly exciting project.

The children took it upon themselves to research and develop a proposal to transform one of our classrooms into a sensory room. They carefully considered what might be needed, researched different resources, created a shopping wish list and put together a thoughtful and creative proposal. On Thursday morning, Hazel and Dan met with me to present their ideas, delivering their proposal with fantastic confidence and enthusiasm.

I was so impressed by the thought, creativity, initiative and consideration for others that went into their work. It is wonderful to see children taking such an active role in thinking about how we can make our school an even better place for everyone.

Thank you to project manager Claire for her guidance. I have no doubt this determined trio will see the project through to the end!

Watch this space... we may have some exciting developments ahead! 🌈



BOYS' GAA – LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our boys' GAA team, who were crowned League Champions after a fantastic season representing the school! The boys competed against local schools throughout the league, showing great teamwork, determination and skill along the way.

We are extremely proud of the effort the boys put in and the way they represented the school in every match. Winning the league is a brilliant achievement and a great reward for their hard work throughout the season.

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported the team, especially those who volunteered to drive the boys to and from matches. Your help and generosity made it possible for the team to take part, and we really appreciate the time you gave up.

Well done to all the players on a brilliant season and a well-deserved league title! We look forward to getting back out on the pitch later in the school year, when we will be taking part in a GAA blitz and giving the boys another opportunity to represent the school.

Massive thank you to Luke and Steven for their coaching for both the boys and girls teams so far.

HALLOWE'EN PLANS!

The kids are looking forward to their annual Spooktacular Walk and Class Party on Friday, 23rd of October.

This year's sponsored walk will be for 1st class to 6th class, followed by a Halloween fancy dress party in their classrooms.

Junior and Senior Infants will have a Spooktacular party together in the school hall.

All funds raised will go towards buying sports kits and school t-shirts that our teams and groups can wear at school outings and events.

Donate your sponsorship money using the QR code here:



Class Updates

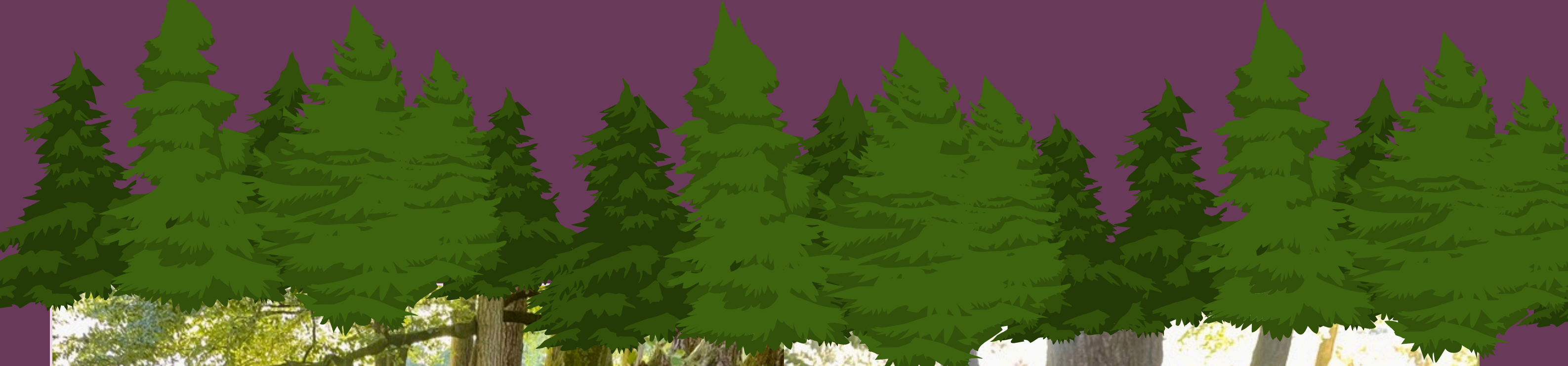
3A – Sarah's Class

Sarah's 3rd Class A had a fantastic time in Tibbradden Woods last Thursday at a Tree Day event organised in partnership with the Dublin Mountains Partnership.

The children enjoyed a range of activities, including a forest walk, a poetry workshop and a creative art activity. They also became water detectives, searching for tiny creatures in the water to identify the "good guys" and the "bad guys" and determine how clean the water was. Spoiler alert: it was very clean!

What a gorgeous way to spend a Thursday, connecting with nature, getting creative and learning outdoors!





REST IN PEACE RACHEL

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the recent passing of a much-loved parent in our school community. Our thoughts are with Emilia Hanlon, her father Darren and all those who knew and loved Rachel at this very difficult time. As a school community, we extend our heartfelt condolences and will continue to offer our care, kindness and support to the family in the weeks and months ahead.

A LITTLE CORRECTION – OUR CHOSEN SCHOOL CHARITIES!

In the previous newsletter, I announced the results of our school community vote for our chosen charities. Unfortunately, there was an error made when sharing the winners!

We are delighted to confirm that the charities receiving the most votes were:

Local Charity: LauraLynn Children's Hospice (28.2% of votes)

International Charity: Irish Red Cross (34% of votes)

Apologies for the mix-up, and a huge thank you to everyone who took the time to vote! We look forward to supporting these two wonderful charities through our fundraising efforts this school year.

MICROSOFT DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS

We are so excited and fortunate to announce that pupils from 5th and 6th Class will take part in an exciting project with our neighbours in Microsoft Leopardstown.

This year long programme is an exciting STEM and student leadership initiative, which gives students the opportunity to develop their skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) through interactive online training sessions.

Our student Ambassadors will then bring their new knowledge and skills back to school, helping to inspire, teach and support their fellow pupils.

The programme focuses on building confidence, creativity, teamwork, digital skills and leadership, empowering children to become STEM leaders within our school community.

At the end of the year, our Ambassadors will have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements and receive special recognition for their contributions.

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