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Hello everyone, it is hard to believe that we are at Mid-term already. We have seen our Junior Infants settle in so well and we have welcomed many new students in other classes also. It is great to hear the chat and laughter around the school each day and we are so proud of our students.

We are very grateful to you all for your support since we came back particularly where our Covid Regulations are concerned. We are gradually getting back to pre Covid practices and we ask you to bear with us as we go forward.

We have lots of things to look forward to between now and Christmas which you can read about here in our newsletter. Keep an eye too, on our Facebook page and our website.

Miss Hanly  
Principal

Our **Sponsored Halloween Walk is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. An Garda Siochana will join us on our walk through Inchicore. Beep or wave when you see us going by. A small group will visit Hollybrook Nursing Home on our travels.

We have requested children to ask for sponsorship from family and friends only, children should not call to households. A raffle will take place for all cards and monies returned.

**Breakfast Club** We are now able to provide breakfast for the children in the mornings, as we no longer have cooking facilities, actimels and cheese is available to the children on the way into class.

**Congratulations** to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class children on receiving their First Holy Communion



## Upcoming Events

### Mid Term

Closed for 1 week from 25<sup>th</sup> October, reopen Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Our Sponsored Halloween Walk and Dress Up Day

**Class of 2020 Confirmation**  
Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> in St. Michaels Church.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent Teacher meetings will take place in school on **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November**, class teachers will be in touch to make arrangements. It would help hugely if parents were signed up to the Aladdin App – messages could be sent directly to and from home.

### Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

As a school we will be collecting for the children's charity after the midterm break

We are currently reviewing our **Code of Behaviour and Homework Policies**. Please have your say and fill in the attached questionnaire, and return to class teacher by **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**.

The Book Fair will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

**S.S.E.** Our school Self Evaluation process continues. This year we are looking at the language of Well Being and Restorative Practice and how we as a school community express our feelings and communicate our emotions.

**Restorative Practice** – We are following an approach of using Restorative Practice as a way of positive communication with pupils. It is especially useful if children are having difficulty expressing their feelings, frustrations or anxieties. It provides a helpful structure for them in understanding how to handle their responses and actions in situations and how to manage outcomes with confidence and respect. Check our school website for more information, we will have a fun quiz for parents at the Parent Teacher meetings



to Liz with Creativity in the Classroom, who is working with 6<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Classes. Also, to Dave from the FAI, and Dean from Liffey Gaels GAA for their time coaching the children.

Our pupils are taking part in the **Inchicore Ballyfermot Credit Union Art Competition** – theme this year is Imagination. We have some very talented artists among the children, closing date 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Just a reminder to parents of 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils to make enrolment applications to the **Secondary Schools** of their choice, generally the closing date for application is end of this month.

Be extra careful if attending any bonfires or fireworks, especially with children and pets. Please remember to check in on your elderly and vulnerable neighbours.



**Stay Safe and Enjoy the Midterm**



### Junior Infants

Had their First Days of School photo's taken - gorgeous

**Ms. Sarah O'Donnell**, is the new Home School Liaison Teacher. If you would like to speak to Sarah, please just ring the school at any time.

### Parents Council

A new Parents Council has been formed. The next P.C. meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Toy Sale** – 10<sup>th</sup> December. We are delighted to have our Toy Sale this year. If you have any clean toys, bric a brac etc. to donate please leave at the front porch from the 1<sup>st</sup> November. Thank you

**Christmas Raffle** – we will have a Christmas Hamper Raffle before the holidays.

