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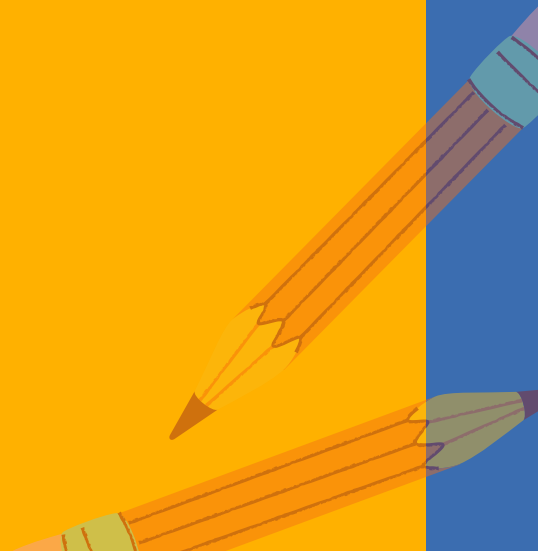
2024


A message from the Principal

Welcome back to all of our wonderful students, families and staff. It has been a great month in school and we are delighted with how the children have settled back in after the summer break. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Junior Infant students and to all of the students who have joined us up along the school.

This week we are celebrating the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. The children will prepare a special assembly and learn about St Francis and his love of animals. We will celebrate the Blessing of the Pets on Sat Oct 5th from 1-3pm. We hope to see you all there.

Johanne Dunne





St Francis of Assisi Primary School Belmayne

SCHOOL NEWS

Dates to remember

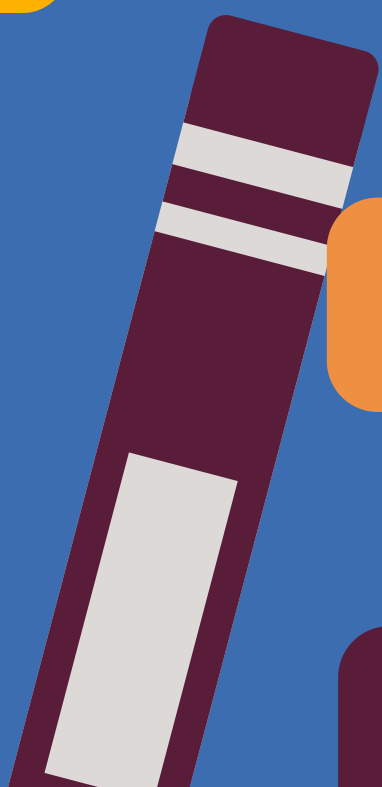
- Enrollment opens for incoming Junior Infants 15th Nov 2024
- Oct 2nd PTA AGM
- Oct 5th Blessing of the Pets
- Oct 28th-Nov 1st Midterm Break


Books

The children have received their books and copies. These costs were covered by the Dept of Education. These books are owned by the school and need to be minded and respected. Unfortunately, the Dept of Education does not provide funds to cover the cost of lost or damaged books. We have systems in place in each class to regularly check the books. However, if your child loses a book or damages a book, parents will be asked to replace these books. Some of the books the children use cost in excess of twenty euro each.

Uniform

Children are expected to wear the correct uniform each day. All class should now know their days for PE. Leggings are not acceptable instead of the school tracksuit bottoms. When children wear different clothes in class, it can cause difficulties. We appreciate parental support with this. There are a small number of children, who for different reasons, wear different clothes. This has been agreed with the principal.

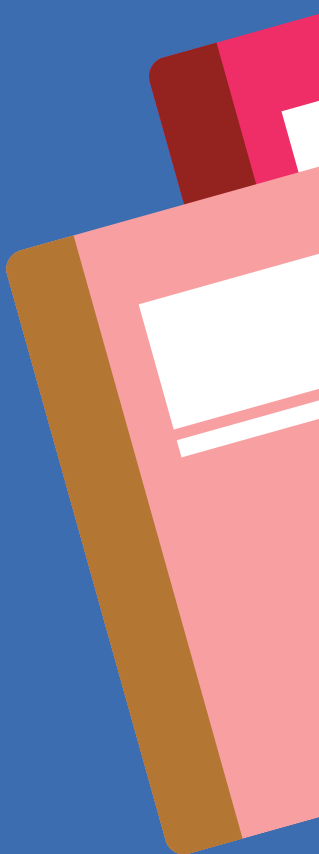




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Punctuality


- As you know, we are working on improving punctuality this year. School gates now open at 8.40am and most of the children are in their lines for 8.50am which is great. Well done to you all! This allows us to start lessons straight away.
 - If your child is regularly late for school, it does have a negative impact. This time builds up and your child will have significant gaps in their learning. It is also very disruptive to lessons to have children arriving in late.
 - Reminder to all parents to record the reason on Aladdin if your child is sick. If a child reaches 20 days of absence, this is reported to the Tusla Education Support Service.
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Sacramental Classes

If your child is due to make their Holy Communion or the Confirmation, please make sure that you have registered your child with the parish office.

[Holy Trinity Parish | Donaghmede – Clongriffin – Balgriffin](#)



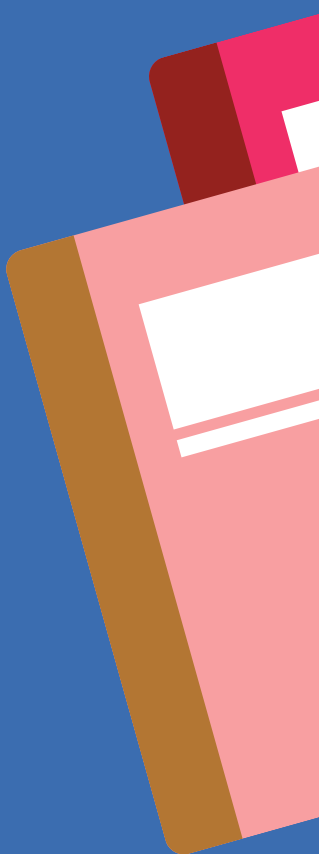


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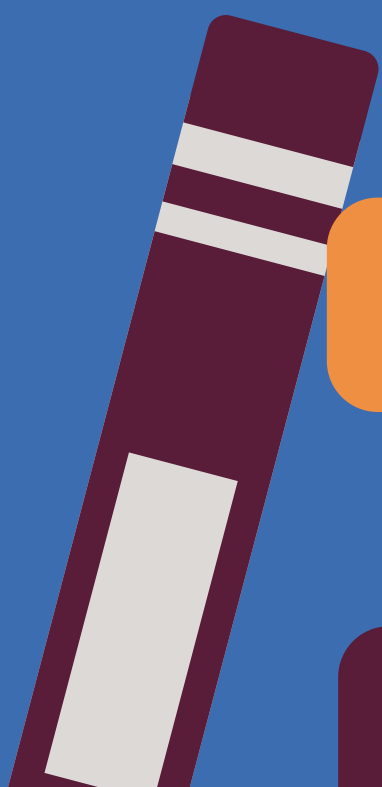
Stationary

Some class teachers have reported that children do not have the necessary stationery items with them. These include; pencils, rubbers, twistable, folders, glue sticks etc. The school does not have a supply of these items. Your child will not be able to fully participate in lessons and art activities without these items. Please contact your class teacher if you do not know which items are missing.



Travel to school

Reminder to all families that our School Warden is available every day at the main entrance of the school to help families cross the road safely. We encourage families to cross at this point, where possible, as the roads around Belmayne have become extremely busy in recent months. Children should walk with their bikes and scooters once they are inside the school grounds to prevent accidents from happening.



STUDENT Council 24/25

Our new Student Council

Welcome to our new Student Council members! Classes from 3rd-6th class nominated candidates, campaigned and spoke to their class before being voted onto the Student Council to represent their voice.

The Students have some great ideas and can't wait to get started.



We learned about

democracy

Democracy means 'rule by the people'. In a democracy, like the Ireland, the people elect the government and have a say in how it is run.

In our Student Council we have a say in decisions that affect us. This is our right under the UN convention on rights for the child.

CELEBRATING OUR FIRST SNA APPRECIATION DAY



On the 26th of September, we acknowledged and thanked our wonderful team of SNA's who support our children and school each day. They bring joy and enthusiasm to our school community. We are very lucky to have 9 dedicated and talented SNAs.



PTA UPDATE

St. Francis of Assisi Primary School , Belmayne

Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play

Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4

or 3 Lines for €5

Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

Join now.

Scan the QR code or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stfrancispsbelmayne>

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For more information email

info@ourfundraiser.ie

On the 20th of September, the school launched our Fundraiser Lotto. We hope that you will be able to support our efforts to raise vital funds for our school. The information and QR code are available on our [school website](#). The children made a video to promote the launch and enjoyed a screening of the video in the hall. Thank you to the PTA, staff and volunteer parents who helped put this all together. You have to be in it, to win it!