



Family Note

October 22nd 2021

There was lots of excitement in school today as many of the children and even some teachers dressed up. Photographs will be up on the website in the next few days.

This week was Maths week and all classes took part in all sorts of Maths activities to celebrate the week.

There were some sweet scents wafting through the school recently. 5th class became foragers for blackberries on Compass Hill. They enjoyed the fruits of their labour with an apple and blackberry crumble.

A special congratulations to the 5th Class Scoil Naomh Eltin debating team who took part in the Primary Debating Competition organised by the west Cork Education Centre. They were not victorious on this occasion but represented the school so well. Maith sibh!

In An Cuan Junior the children have been busy learning all about Autumn, kindness and fire safety. They have been putting a marble in a kindness jar every time they do something kind – as you can imagine they are filling it up very quickly! They painted autumn trees using broccoli and talked all about the different signs of Autumn. They also learnt about fire safety and what to do in a fire drill in our school. Lots of fun this month and looking forward to lots more learning and fun after our midterm break.

6th Class A & B have been developing their persuasive writing skills in October to apply and interview for jobs in the "Classroom Economy". The classes brainstormed the jobs and roles necessary to make the class run smoothly which also developed their own skills and interests. Applications were drafted, edited and completed last week with interviews being held before the mid-term break. Students will find out their roles on Monday November 1st. Students will of course be paid (in Dojo points - a crypto currency of sorts!) and students can purchase homework passes and other items with the points they earn. This project has already sparked some great discussions in the classrooms about fair pay, quitting, bonuses and taxes with plenty more healthy debates to come in November hopefully!

Junior Infants have had a great start to school this year. They have done lots of work, explored the school and got to know their new friends, teachers and those who work in the school. This month they have done lots of work on "autumn". They loved going on an autumn walk and finding lots of creatures, plants and signs of autumn around our school.

Enrolment: Please remember that the closing date for applications for the year 2022/2023 is October 25th – application forms may be found on the school website and emailed to the office.

Parent Teacher meetings will take place by telephone on the 25th of November. Further details will be issued after the Midterm.

Christmas activities will be the same as last year and your child's teacher will send you a link to see a recorded performance by your child's class.

If your child has any **new** medical issues that the school should be aware of, please contact the school.

We are back to school the day after Halloween, on November 1st and look forward to a wonderful term leading up to Christmas.

Happy Midterm from all at Scoil Naomh Eltin!

Gaelbhratach

We are currently working towards our third Gaelbhratach or Irish Language Flag. This initiative promotes the use of spoken Irish in our school community. Tá na daltaí go léir ag obair go dian ar scoil - ag cleachtadh amhráin, drámaí, agallaimh is dánta. Why not try some Gaeilge at home? Bain triail as!!! (See some lovely phrases below to practice at home).

Frásaí na Míosa

<i>Dia duit</i>	Hello
<i>Dia is Muire duit</i>	Reply to Hello
<i>Conas atá tú?</i>	How are you?
<i>Tá mé go maith agus tú féin?</i>	I am good and yourself?
<i>Cad is ainm duit?</i>	What is your name?
<i>_____ is ainm dom.</i>	My name is _____

Seanfhocail na Míosa

<i>Tús maith leath na hoibre</i>	A good start is half the work
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