



Family Note

November 2021

Welcome to the November edition of the Family Note.

We were very excited to see our new **Prefab** installed when we came back to school after the midterm break. Mr. Lyon's 3rd Class B quickly claimed it as their own and moved in, leaving the Halla free for all classes to use for PE in bad weather.

Pupils making their **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** took part in their enrolment masses at the beginning of the month.

All of Scoil Naomh Eltin took part in **Science Week** from the 8th – 12th of November. Pupils in the older classes demonstrated Science experiments to the younger classes on Thursday 11th. It was a very exciting day. Photographs are on our website.

We had some very special visitors to the school for Science Week - the Animal Roadshow came to the Halla for **First and Second Classes**. Maria brought a corn snake called Honey who does not like the cold. She also had a guinea pig on very cosy cushion, hungry tortoises, a lizard and a beautiful barn owl. There are some very brave children in First and Second Class who were happy to pet and hold the animals. They were very careful to stay quiet and calm so the animals would be comfortable. You can see them all in the photos on our school website.

Last month, Ms. Deasy and Mr. O' Brien's 4th classes enjoyed a **virtual visit from Irish author** and illustrator Alan Nolan. This initiative was kindly offered to our school in conjunction with Cork County Library services and as part of the Children's Book Festival 2021. The children thoroughly enjoyed his engaging visit with their class. He spoke about his inspiration to write and funny memories from his childhood. Alan Nolan has written and illustrated many books and comics for children and grown-ups, including Fintan's Fifteen, Conor's Caveman. Our 4th class students are very keen to read some of Alan Nolan's books that he shared with them.

Scoil Naomh Eltin participated in the **Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme** from November 15th – 19th. The aim of the programme is to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables. Pupils in each class received five days of fruit and vegetables to help maintain the healthy eating ethos in Scoil Naomh Eltin.

Junior Infants have been learning all about how to keep their bodies healthy. They enjoyed tasting different fruit and vegetables during our 'Food Dudes Week' and have made a special effort to engage in exercise breaks and stretches during the school day.

Thank you to parents for attending parent teacher meetings by phone recently. Communication between school and home is very important to us here in Scoil Naomh Eltin.

As per government guidelines, **Christmas performances** will be online again this year. Parents will be notified when these will be available online in mid-December. Thank you to parents for remembering our **no nut and salmon** policy here in Scoil Naomh Eltin.

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Terry McCarthy Principal