

Autumn Term Newsletter

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 27th October End of term - school closed at 2.30pm
Dress up for Hallowe'en day

Monday 6th November School re-opens

NEW JUNIOR INFANTS



It is hard to believe that our new Junior Infants have only been in our school a short while. They have become part of our OLBNS family so quickly. Mrs Dempsey is delighted with her Junior Infants and reports that they are working so hard! Well done boys!

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE?

As the winter months approach, why not invest in one of our lovely OLBNS beanie hats? They cost just €15 and are available to buy from the office.



WELCOME AND GOODBYE

We extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff this year; Ms Crossan, Mr Dunford and Ms Coppinger who has returned to us from Australia. We hope you have many happy years at Our Lady's Boys.

We said goodbye to some members of staff over the summer. Ms Egan, Mr Logan, Ms Finnerty and Sarah our SNA have gone to further their careers in other educational settings. The whole staff and pupils will miss them and we wish them all the very best in their new adventures.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to be able to offer parents the opportunity to avail of our after school clubs once more. Our schedule of clubs are as follows:



Homework Club	Tues, Wed, Thurs	1 st to 6 th	Ms Kiely / Ms Howlett
Coding Club	Wednesday	3 rd & 4 th	Ms Flattery
Lego Club	Thursday	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd	Ms Delaney
Chess Club	Thursday	5 th & 6 th	Mr Dunford

SPORT IN OUR SCHOOL

We had a team represent us in the Cumann na mBunscol football league. The boys did brilliantly with one win and two losses in our group. A huge thank you to Ms Flattery and Sinead for giving up their time to coach our team.

We celebrated European Day of Sport on Friday the 29th September. Our classes paired up for PE to share their skills with other classes.



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GREEN SCHOOLS



Mrs Dempsey has set up our new Green Schools Committee. We are working towards our next flag for the school - Global Citizenship - Energy. It is very important at school to remember to conserve energy as much as possible. Our energy referees are making sure the lights are turned off, devices are not left on standby, and doors are closed when classes go out to yard.

Don't forget that every Wednesday we encourage you all to walk to school for Walk on Wednesday - WoW. The 2 winning classes get to keep the golden boot for the week.



Also, we can recycle your used batteries here in school. So, when you are replacing your Hallowe'en and Christmas decorations, keep the used batteries and send them into your son's class teacher.

HALLOWE'EN

This Friday marks the end of our first half term. We will have our traditional Hallowe'en dress up day on Friday. Boys can wear their Hallowe'en costumes to school. We look forward to seeing them in all their finery.



WOOLY FARM VISIT

Junior Infants up to 2nd class had a visit from Wooly Farm a few weeks ago. The farmer brought lots of farm animals with him including a llama, 'Michael D Piggins' the pig and Oliver the 'kid' who had a great time wandering around the hall and the yard. The boys got to hold rabbits, guinea pigs, baby chicks and brush the sheep's wool. They even got a high five from a duck! The boys had a fantastic time with the farmer and the animals.



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THE BIG DIG



3rd up to 6th class had a memorable day last week when The Big Dig came to the school yard. For two days our classes learned about excavating, digging and the work archaeologists do.



Pictured are 4th and 6th classes who got to perform their own excavations in a Viking house.

THE LUNCH BAG



You can use our Lunch Bag service for lunches in school. Boys will receive their chosen snacks and lunches fresh in school everyday in time for break.

CROSS ATLANTIC ADVENTURES

We were delighted to meet Eamon Breen this term, when he brought his cross Atlantic rowing boat for all of us to see. Eamon is heading off on his adventure this December when he and his brother will take part in a cross Atlantic rowing race. We can't wait to hear from his son Martyn in 6th class, on their progress.



SCHOOL SALE OF WORK

In September our 6th classes ran a Sale of Work to help fund our Drama programme which will start after the mid-term break. These days are always great fun and it was great to see our 6th class boys helping the youngest members of our school at their first one of these days. Thank you to everyone who sent in their delicious home bakes, treats, toys and books.



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6TH CLASS PROJECTS

Ms Flattery's 6th class boys have been following the rugby world cup closely as they've each got a team in a sweepstake. They took this opportunity to research their team and create a project which they presented to their class.



MATHS WEEK

Last week was Maths Week in school. Our classes all enjoyed some extra Maths challenges, problem solving activities and games.



Pictured are 4th class who learnt more about data on their Maths trail. They have also completed lots of project work since the start of the year especially on the Greeks and the Romans.

AUTUMN ART



END OF TERM THANKS

We have had a fabulous start to the school year. The boys have settled in well and are working hard. Thank you to all our teachers, SNA's and ancillary staff for their hard work and dedication. Have a lovely relaxing midterm break, stay safe and we will see you all back here on Monday 6th November.

