

# SCHOOL NEWLETTER

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## REMINDERS

Junior Swimming:

Fri 8th & 15th Nov

Senior Swimming.

Mon 11th Nov

Fri 22nd, 29th Nov

Fri 6th Dec

Sponsored walk

7th or 8th Nov

weather dependant

School Closed

Monday 28th Oct-Mon 4th Nov

Reopens Tues 5th Nov

School closure Mon 4th Nov

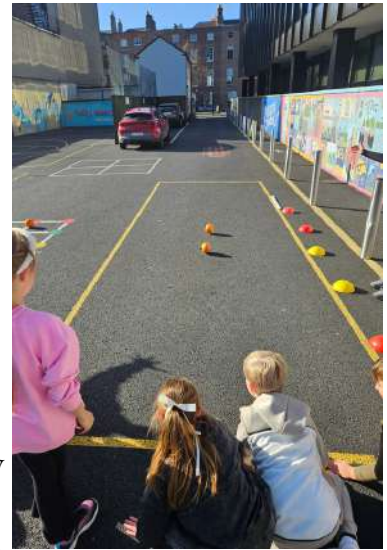
Due to curriculum training.



## ROOM 1

Room 1's Spooktacular October!

This month in Room 1 has been packed with spooky fun! We wrote Halloween-themed onomatopoeia poems, took our first trip to the library, and visited the Museum of Literature Ireland. We also learned about estimation through a pumpkin investigation—guessing its weight, how far it would roll, and whether it would float or sink, then testing each to see how close we were. Finally, we carved our pumpkin masterpiece!



## ROOM 2

Room 2 have been so busy this month, it has flown! We had a lovely time celebrating Maths Week, taking part in two National Maths Quizzes, Junior Bingo, solving fun problems and completing lots of challenges. We have been focusing on Safety this month. We have also been reading our class novel, Fantastic Mr. Fox and are almost finished our projects on it. Room 2 have loved reading some excellent picture books to promote comprehension skills, particularly the clue filled "Guess Who's Coming For Dinner?" The class is all decorated ready for a spooky Halloween!



## Room 3



Room 3 have been enjoying learning about history so far this year. The children put on a play for the senior assembly based on the Famine. We have been learning about the Gaelic Revival and the 1916 Rising. We visited Kilmainham Gaol and found that very interesting.



## Room 5

We were doing subtraction with regrouping in 5th/6th class Room 5. We were using concrete materials such as units, tens and hundreds.



## Room 4

Room 4 have been learning about the 1916 rising and went to Kilmainham Gaol with room 3 to see where the rebels spent their last days. We really enjoyed looking in their museum and their cells!



## Room 6

Room 6 visited our local park, Wilton Terrace. We were on a mission to collect as many conkers as we could. We returned to the classroom and put all our conkers on one table and estimated how many we had collected. Everyone had a piece of paper to write their number on. Then we started putting the conkers into groups of tens and units. The total was 96 conkers. One student guessed 93 which was amazing.



# ROOM 7

October was a busy month for Room 7!..Here's what we've been up to: Autumn Window Art: Room 7 got creative by painting beautiful autumn scenes on the classroom windows. They had a lot of fun bringing the season to life with their amazing artwork!. Student Council Elections: With the student council elections coming, several students in Room 7 are running for positions. They have been working hard on their manifestos, and some even became campaign managers to support their classmates!. Maths focus: This month we have been working hard on improving our problem solving skills and learning new math concepts.



# ROOM 8



We have had a very exciting month. In maths we have been focussing on Numeracy: using blocks and white boards to solve our maths problems! We have also been engaging in 'Maths talk' and games of 'Always, Sometimes, Never' . We have also painted our classroom windows in the spirit of the Spooky season and are very excited for our Halloween dress up day at the end of the month.

# ROOM 9

Everyone in Room 9 has been working on developing a greater understanding of Number over the past few weeks. We have worked our way right up to Long Division this week which we are all hoping to be managing with confidence before the mid-term break. However we will continue to revise and practice these mathematical skills frequently as the year continues. Happy Halloween!!



## ROOM 10

In Room 10 we have been exploring 2D Shapes and Symmetry ! We used our knowledge to make these spooktacular, symmetrical skeletons and hauntingly beautiful Tangram Art. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe Halloween !



## THE HUB



In the hub we have been doing lots of Halloween themed problem solving and activities. We' ve also been working hard on place value and using our lovely resources to help us. We' ve decorated the hub for Halloween and it' s spooktacular!

## MESSAGE FROM MS SHEAHAN

It is hard to believe that the Hallowe'en break is upon us! I want to say a huge well done to all students for their hard work since the start of term. It is so important that you continue to support your child to read every day over the mid term break. Every student has a mid-term reading log, please ensure that you prioritise hearing their reading every day and signing the log. Keeping up the daily reading habit is essential to maintain the progress made so far. We had an inspection in mathematics last week that was carried out by two inspectors from the Department of Education. They looked at the quality of teaching and learning of mathematics in our school, as well as listened to the experiences of our students about how they learn best. I had mentioned at the parent evening that we are implementing a revised mathematics curriculum this year. I am incredibly proud of the excellent standard of teaching and learning experiences that teachers in our school provide - supported by our fantastic SNAs every day of the week. It was really affirming to have the inspectors recognise the excellent work of all of our staff, and to recognise the exemplary work being done every day. Some students took part in a focus group where they described the kinds of games/activities and methods that help them learn best in maths. They did a wonderful job putting their views across! School will be closed for curricular training on Monday 4th of November. There are times that we receive short notice of the need for closure, and this is one of those times. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 5th of November. Wishing you all a very enjoyable Mid Term Break!

Ms Sheahan

