



Naíscóil Íde

Newsletter – November 2023



We are well settled back into school after the mid-term break and the children are working very hard. Now that Winter has arrived and the weather is getting colder, we ask you to make sure that the children wear their coats to school each day. We were delighted to meet so many parents at the Parent-Teacher meetings last week. Congratulations to Ms. McGinn on her recent appointment to the Senior Management Team in the school as an Assistant Principal.



New Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new school website www.naiscoilide.ie. We hope our website gives you a flavour of our busy school. Through this site you can access information, view samples of the children's work and keep up to date with all that is going on in the school. Many thanks to Ms. Butler, our IT coordinator for creating this wonderful website and keeping it updated.

School Enrolment - September 2024

The school is currently accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2024. If you would like to enrol your child for September, please download the application form from the school website and drop it to the office along with a birth certificate and a proof of address.

School Self Evaluation

As part of the School Self Evaluation Process, we have decided to focus on **Wellbeing** in our school over the next three years. This will involve drawing up a plan of action which we hope will enhance the wellbeing of our students and of our staff. Many thanks to those parents who completed our survey for parents on children's wellbeing.

Parents' Association

The Halloween Witches and Wizards' Walk, organised by the PA, was a great success which the children really enjoyed. Everyone made a huge effort to dress up on the day and the children were very excited to see their siblings in the other schools as we walked past.



The PA recently organised the annual school calendars which are currently on sale and their next project is to create flower beds at the First Class entrance. Members of the PA will be visiting the school next Wednesday to plant spring bulbs with the children, which were donated to the school by Raheny Tidy Towns. The next PA committee meeting will take place on December 12th in the school staffroom.



Decorated Pumpkin Display

Our first 'Decorated Pumpkin Display' was a great success with 207 pumpkins on display! Well done to all the families who took part in this project.

Maths Week (16th to 20th Oct)

It was great to see all classes participating in fun activities during Maths Week. The children enjoyed playing Maths games, working with bee bots, tangrams and shapes and doing Maths trails outdoors.



Science Week (13th - 17th Nov)

Last week was Science Week and the children in all classes had lots of fun doing investigations and experiments. Junior Infants had fun with blobs in a bottle, dancing raisins, gravity, magnets and static electricity. Senior Infants experimented with a rocket launch, rainbow skittles, colour symphony and static electricity. First classes built a fizz inflator, cleaned money with vinegar, did floating and sinking investigations and experimented with an erupting volcano!



Many thanks to Ms. Moloney, our STEM coordinator, for organising the events for both weeks.

Raheny Christmas Lights



This Sunday, 26th November, the Christmas market will take place in Raheny village and the Christmas tree lights will be turned on! A choir consisting of a small group of children from each of the local schools will sing at the event at 4.30pm. We are delighted that six of our children will represent Naíscoil Íde at this community event. The Christmas Tree lights will be turned on at 5pm.

Volunteering in the school

If any parent intends volunteering in the school this year at any stage, please make sure you fill out a garda vetting form in the office.



Timekeeping

Please make every effort to have your child on time for school each morning. For health and safety reasons, we will close the infant gates at 9.05am to allow our staff to get to class. After this time, please use the main door.

Upcoming Events

- Junior Infant Christmas Concert: Friday December 15th at 10am in the school hall
- December 18th: Santa will visit the school
- December 19th: First classes have been invited to watch the Scoil Assaim Show
- Immunisations for Junior Infants will now take place after Christmas.