



# Naíscóil Íde

## Newsletter – October 2023



A warm welcome back to all our pupils and their parents and guardians. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and are well settled back into school at this stage. We would like to say a big welcome to our Junior Infants and the pupils who have started in our school for the first time. We also welcome the new staff who have joined our school this year: Mrs. Mescal, Ms. Thompson, Ms. McHugh and Ms. Reddy. We know they will be very happy working in our school.

The children have been very busy over the past few weeks learning new routines, working hard, learning new skills and playing with their friends in the yard. We have had a few whole school assemblies and some of our classes have had the opportunity to go across to the GAA for GAA coaching with Coach Ciarán.



### Timekeeping

Please make every effort to have your child on time for school each morning.

### Photographer

County Photos will take photographs of our Junior Infants on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. They will also take a class photo of all classes. All children should wear their full uniform on that day.

### Maths Week

Next week from **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> of October**, the school will celebrate **Maths Week**. As always, there will be many Maths activities organised in school during the week. There will also be links to Maths activities on the website and we encourage all pupils and families to include Maths activities at home during the week - count objects such as cups and plates, look for shapes at home, sort socks; have fun with Maths!



### Parents' Association

The Parents' Association (PA) have had two meetings since the start of the year and have lots of activities planned for the children this year. All children have started working on their Christmas cards and the PA will be in the school to take class photos for the school calendars on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We were very excited to receive a delivery of two sensory waterfalls last week for our water garden along with other resources for the children. We thank the PA for funding all this equipment which will be of great benefit to the children.

For a number of years, the PA have promoted a one-way system of traffic management outside the schools at drop off and collection times. They are encouraging parents to continue this one-way system to keep the flow of traffic moving.

The PA are organising a **Halloween Dress Up Day** as a fundraiser for the school on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**. Children are invited to dress up on the day and bring €2.



### Witches and Wizards Walk

On **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October** we will have our annual witches and wizards walk around Raheny. Keep your eye out for us on the day!!

### Linking up with the other schools on the campus

The three schools have met to discuss cross campus initiatives which will give our children the opportunity to meet the older children on the campus. The first event will be on our dress up day when our children will do a fancy dress parade through the other school yards and the other schools will come out and cheer us on as we go by ... how exciting!

After the Halloween break, the 3<sup>rd</sup> class boys from Scoil Assaim will be visiting two of our Senior Infant classes to do paired reading with our children. We look forward to lots of enjoyable interactions between the schools.

### Decorated Pumpkin Display



We will hold a **Decorated Pumpkin Display** this year in our school. Families and staff are invited to decorate a pumpkin at home and bring the pumpkin to school on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> for the display. Pumpkins can be carved or painted. This is not a competition or is not compulsory. It is simply an opportunity for families to work together on a project. The pumpkins can be taken home on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>.



### Immunisations

Immunisations for Junior Infants will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### 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.



The school will close for mid-term break from **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

School will reopen on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**