

Halloween Dress-Up Day



Halloween dress up day is on **Friday 23rd October, 2020**. Instead of wearing their uniform to school, the boys may wear their Halloween outfits and there will be prizes for the 'best dressed' in each class. If you wish to donate, we will be collecting money towards school funds. The suggested donation is €2 per family. The money raised will be used to purchase additional resources.



N.B. No 'prop weapons' should be brought into school and no props are allowed into the yard during break times.

Please remember we are a nut free school and remember to check that there are no nuts in lunches or treats on the day.

Maths Week 2020

Maths week took place last week, 12th – 16th October. This was a more low-key event than in previous years but hopefully the boys enjoyed all of the maths activities including our code breaking challenge!

Thank you to Ms. Gunn and her team for organising a successful Maths Week!



New School Building Project

There has been substantial progress with the new school building and preparations are underway to commence construction in the coming weeks. All going well the Main Contractor hopes to be on site in November. We are looking forward to this exciting chapter in the school's history. Inevitably, there will be some disruption to school life during the construction period, but we are promised a fantastic school building with state-of-the-art facilities. We will keep you informed of progress and any planned disruption that will occur in the coming weeks and months.



Bike Racks



With an increased emphasis being placed on walking and cycling to school, we have installed 2 new bike racks in the shelter. Thanks to the PTA for funding these additional bike racks. Please remember to ensure that bikes are locked securely during the school day. Bikes should not cause an obstruction to paths or walkways in the vicinity of the bike shelter. Also, a gentle reminder that there is no cycling on school grounds; cyclists should dismount before coming onto the grounds.

Enrolment Policy

The school has published a new Enrolment Policy. This is available on the school website or by request from the school office. An enrolment notice for pupils wishing to commence Junior Infants 2021 will be published in the coming weeks.



St. Mary's BNS Financial Report to Parents 2018-2019



The Board of Management wishes to advise parents that a Summary Financial Statement for the School Year 2018/2019 is available from the school office on request.

COVID 19 Update

Thank you to everyone for their co-operation to date.

- Parents are reminded that the Board of Management have requested parents and visitors to wear masks on the school grounds.
- Visitors to the school including parents should make an appointment in advance. Please contact the school by phone before arrival. The office phone number is 01-6293021.
- Please remember **do not** send your son to school if:
 - They or any member of the household has tested positive for Covid 19
 - They are feeling unwell, or if someone in their household is feeling unwell with symptoms of Covid 19
 - If they are a close contact of a confirmed case and/or awaiting a test or test results



All of the information you require in relation to Covid 19 is available on the HSE Isolation Quick Guide attached to this newsletter.

A Final Farewell



Farewell to Mr. Downes following his retirement from Maynooth BNS. We wish him and his family all the best for the years ahead and thank him for his 40 years of service to the school.

Dates for your Diary

Mid-Term Break (School Closed) 26th October – 30th October

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021 TBC – Enrolment notice will be published