

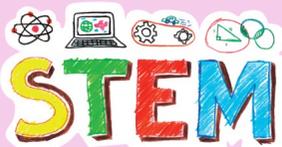
## Parent - Teacher Meetings

The Annual Parent Teacher Meetings would normally take place in November. However, with Covid-19 we can predict that no face to face meetings will take place this term. The school awaits further guidance from the Dept of Education on this. Communication with parents will follow.

Scoileanna Ildánacha Creative Schools

Our school was recently awarded a grant of €5,100 by the Arts Council of Ireland. This initiative will help our school to understand,

develop and celebrate our engagement with the arts, empowering us to bring about change. The school will work with an Associate from Creative Ireland to come up with a plan that includes developing innovative projects in the school. A big thank you to Ms. Flynn, 3rd class, who co-ordinated the student Arts Committee last year in the school and submitted the application for the grant.



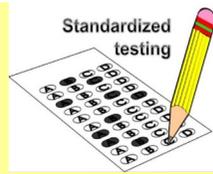
Our school recently received the news that we have been awarded a Plague of STEM as part of the SFI Discover Science & Maths Award for 2019/20. For this award, classes worked collaboratively in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and a STEM showcase. The feedback from the judges was really positive and they commended the level of engagement from the junior classes all the way

up to the seniors. Also acknowledged was the use of lockdown to develop and improve technical skills using so many online tools. A massive well done to all the teachers and pupils. Special mention to Ms. Concannon also for co-ordinating the application.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Extended Classroom

Noel, our caretaker, and the infant teachers are busy planning our new outdoor learning zone for our infant classes which includes many aspects of the Aistear programme—providing enriching, challenging and enjoyable activities for children. We look forward to seeing the finished outdoor space which is located on the green area next to the Junior yard. Once complete the area will have 5 learning stations: sand/water, creative, small world, building, pretend/socio-dramatic area. We look forward to seeing the girls out there learning!



Classes will be tested as normal in May 2021.

As advised by the Dept of Education, standardised tests that were due to take place in May 2020, during lockdown, will not be administered this term.



SPHE forms a very important element of each child's development. As advised by the Dept of Education, the RSE

Programme that was due to be delivered to our current Senior Inf-5th classes in May 2020 will be taught this term, in Nov/Dec. This years RSE programme will be taught again as normal in Term 3. Parents will be notified prior to the teaching of the RSE programme.

## NUAHT—LITIR: SEPT/OCT 2020



Due to Covid-19 our return to school this year was certainly very different to previous years. That said, we have had a very positive start to the new school year and pupils, parents & staff are to be commended on implementing and adhering to all of the new school procedures and routines in place.

It is wonderful to see the girls arriving at school full of smiles and enthusiasm every day!



In the combat against Covid-19 we have implemented strict measures in the school. Visitors are restricted. Regular hand washing & the use of hand sanitiser is essential during the day.

Children in middle and senior classes operate in pods indoors during the school day. As the Covid situation is getting increasingly worrying nationwide, we continue to ask parents to keep your child at home if they are displaying symptoms, to seek GP advice and to follow the guidelines around isolation/restricting movements.



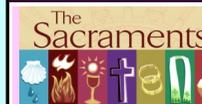
**Road Safety:** All pupils and parents should follow the directions of the Lollipop Lady, Deirdre, when crossing the road coming to school and at home-time. **Parents, please do not park illegally or leave your car unattended in an illegally parked position at drop off or collection times. Thank you for your co-operation.**



Our Junior Infant classes have settled in so well over the last few weeks. They are enjoying all their new learning activities & they are making lots of new friends! We hope they have a great year ahead.



Please ensure your contact details/ emergency contact details are up to date on Aladdin Connect. Ensure any reasons for pupil absence are recorded on your child's profile.



The sacrament dates for our **current 2nd & 6th** classes have been confirmed.

Communion: May 15th 2021  
Confirmation: April 29th 2021



This years PA AGM was cancelled due to Covid-19. However, the PA committee are still busy organising some contactless fundraising activities. Christmas cards and class calendars are planned this term. The school greatly appreciates the contributions parents make to the fundraisers, as all monies raised are invested in school improvements including resources, equipment, ICT, STEM, Special Education and much more.

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5



**School will be closed for midterm break from  
Monday 26th– 30th October.**

Our Annual 6th class bake sale is cancelled this year. However, pupils are welcome to wear their costumes on Fri 23rd October and classes will hold individual celebrations. Children are also permitted to bring a treat to school that day for a class party.



## COVID-19 Advice for parents



### Symptoms to look out for and when to contact your GP

Schools are back and the winter season is ahead of us. Every year, schoolchildren get colds, flu and other infections. This time, coronavirus (COVID-19) is with us.

Here is a guide on what symptoms to look out for and what to do if your child is unwell.

### When to keep your child at home and phone your GP:

**Please do not send your child to school if any of the following is true.**

*Your child has:*

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- Any other common symptoms of coronavirus such as a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, or shortness of breath.
- Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.
- Been living with someone who is unwell and may have coronavirus.

If any of the above is relevant please isolate your child and phone your GP for advice.