



St. Patrick's Boys' National School

Oct 2020

Thank You For all your support

Dear Parents,

As the mid-term break approaches we look back on a very busy, challenging and successful start to our new school year. Our collective response to all the new changes has been impressive. I know I can rely on everyone's continued co-operation as we move forward. I want to personally acknowledge all your efforts, and that of the Board of Management and the staff of our school; we all look forward to a successful and productive new school year.

I am so proud of your sons and the way they have adapted to the changes in school and its great to see everyone so happy and settled back in the classroom.

A big St. Pat's welcome to all our Junior Infants and to all the boys who have joined us from other schools. I know you will be very happy here.

A copy of our [School Calendar](#) has been sent out to everyone, any changes to it will be advised in advance.

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place after Christmas.

A copy of our New Admissions Policy is available on our website. This year all schools in the country were required to write and publish an "Admissions Policy" and an "Annual Admissions Notice". These documents are available to view on our website, www.stpatsbns.ie. Click on the Enrolment tab at the top of our homepage to access them. The Annual Admissions Notice informs parents/guardians of how many places are available in Junior Infants and the dates that the school will open and close acceptance of applications.

Congratulations to our Communion Class. Although the boys didn't have the usual pomp and ceremony that we associate with this day, it was a lovely ceremony in St. Ita's Church, Portrane. Thank you to everyone for making this a very special day.

Halloween Dress up day children are invited to dress up on the last day of term Friday 23rd. Emphasis will be on fun rather than scary costumes. There will be class based games and competitions for the boys to make this an extra special day. More information will follow as we get nearer the day.

Maths week starts on 10th October. We will be enjoying lots of different activities in the class including puzzles, mazes, active lessons and watching Maths Week TV. For more information check out www.mathsweek.ie

Our emphasis since September has been on the wellbeing of the boys in our school. This week the boys started learning homework to support their learning in school.

Please keep a keen eye on our website and email for further school news.

Brian Horan,

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Irish Road Safety week will run from 5th to 11th Oct.

We always encourage children to walk/cycle/scoot to school safely. It is important to take care when crossing the road and to cross with our Lollipop lady Helena.

Please talk to your son about taking a safe route to school.



A huge thanks to

Country Crest for donating lots of fruit and vegetables to our Junior Infants classes who are learning about the Farm Shop in Aistear"



ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Star Writer

Artist of the Month

Throughout the year, we will be showcasing the talents of our artists and writers on our website. Be sure to check them out each month!



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the boys who made their First Holy Communion this year, it was a very special day.

Our Healthy Eating Guidelines

Healthy eating is such an important part of our young people's lives. They need our support. Please ensure that your son's lunch contains no sweets (except a small treat on Friday), no crisps and if possible no sugary drinks. Thank You.

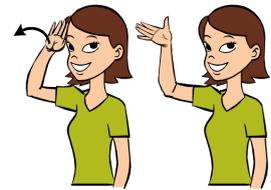
1. Follow food pyramid guidelines
2. Try something new now & again
3. At least one piece of fruit for school.
4. Drink plenty of water.
5. Keep treats a treat. Once a week is enough.
6. No fizzy drinks, crisps or sweets.



Food Allergy Note: A number of our pupils have a serious food allergy. Please do not send in nuts, kiwis or nutella to school. Thank You.

Lámh

Hello



Lámh is a sign system used by children and adults in Ireland who have learning disabilities. As an inclusive school, we do all that we can in St Pat's to make everyone feel included. Our school community has been learning Lámh for a number of years now, introducing new signs in morning assembly. We are continuing this year but using videos to help all boys and staff learn the signs. This helps all children with communication difficulties as well as being fun to use. Check out the Lámh section on our website for more information.

Microsoft Dreamspace Programme



Here are some of the boys making their windmills as part of our STEAM lesson with Microsoft's DreamSpace programme.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths each of which are used throughout each lesson. We had lots of fun making our windmills and the boys did a great job of finding solutions to fix their windmills.



Our school behaviour system is called Positive Behaviour for Learning, or PBL.

PBL is about recognising and rewarding the good behaviour the children display in a consistent and fair manner. Since we returned the children have been taught the behavioural expectations of our school, and strategies to help them achieve positive behaviour for learning.

We are Caring & Respectful