



**St. Brigid's B.N.S. Killester**



## OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

**Hallowe'en Mid-term: School will be closed for the week from Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November.**

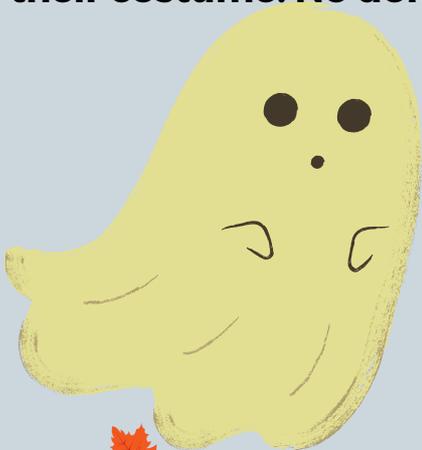
**School reopens on Monday 6th November. We wish all our families an enjoyable and safe Hallowe'en**



## Hallowe'en Non-Uniform Day

To mark the end of our first half term and to add a little fun and excitement, boys may dress up on **Friday 27th October** in a Hallowe'en costume or they may wear their favourite jersey.

We ask that costumes are kept simple with no accessories. Please ensure boys are able to use the bathroom and wash their hands (no gloves) independently in their costume. No donation required this year, as a **THANK YOU** for all of your fundraising efforts to date.



# THANK YOU!

Well done to all the boys who participated in our Sponsored Walk. Thank you to all who contributed, a fantastic amount of **€8295** has been raised to fund Literacy/Numeracy, Science, SEN and Sports resources.

Our Bicycle Raffle will take place on Thursday!  
Check out our instagram page for a video of our walk.

# WISHLIST



Many families may be contemplating a yearly clear out of toys and games which your child has grown out of before the Festive Season. We are currently looking for resources for our Aistear (thematic play based learning) in our Infant classes and would love to provide a happy new home for some of your unwanted items!

After the midterm break we will send a Google Doc link to parents. If you have any of the items on the list that are in good condition and you would like to pass on, we will very gratefully accept them. Please note, due to storage restrictions we will only be able to accept items on the list.

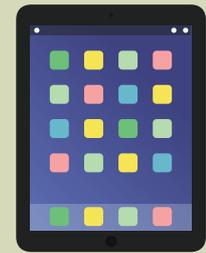
## Attendance and Punctuality



Our top priority again this year is everyone's health. We thank you all for continuing to err on the side of caution with regards to keeping children home if unwell.

Please let us know the details of all absences through Aladdin.

The school continues to be obliged by law to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. Parents will receive a letter of reminder when 18 days have been missed. Obviously, the whole idea is to miss as little as possible. As we have to fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla it is essential that each absence is explained. Please note if absences are Covid-19 related, this will be indicated when reporting to Tulsa. Thank you for following these protocols.



**EDCO has launched a new Bua Na Cainte Parents App.**

**The idea is that this may be used as an aid for parents to support their child's Gaeilge learning at home. You can access the app here:**

**<https://app.buaathome.ie/>**





# Reminder

· **No nuts or nut products** allowed in school.

· Please note that hair dye and the wearing of jewellery is not allowed.

· All pupils must have a clean flannel for hand drying.

· When picking up your child, if there are any changes to arrangements, please inform the class teacher in writing beforehand.

· Any bicycles/scooters left in the school grounds should be locked and helmets should be worn. (Younger pupils must be able to independently lock their bicycle/scooter, otherwise parents will need to bring the bicycle/scooter home).



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As a school we always endeavour to supplement the boys' education in school with fun co-curricular and extra curricular excursions and activities. In order to continue to offer these opportunities to our pupils we need the support of our school community. We need volunteers who are willing to accompany classes on these excursions as we cannot release additional staff members to accompany classes. If you are interested in volunteering, or if your son has a relation who would like to volunteer, please contact the school office in order to get Garda Vetted. We really appreciate your support in this matter.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings



Parent/Teacher Meetings will be held this year in person. We aim to hold the majority of the meetings on  
**Thursday 23rd November from 2.30pm - 5pm.**

A limited number of appointments may be available before and after school hours from 20th to 24th November.

An appointment time with your son's teacher may be selected through the Aladdin Connect App. These appointment times will be released to parents after the midterm break.

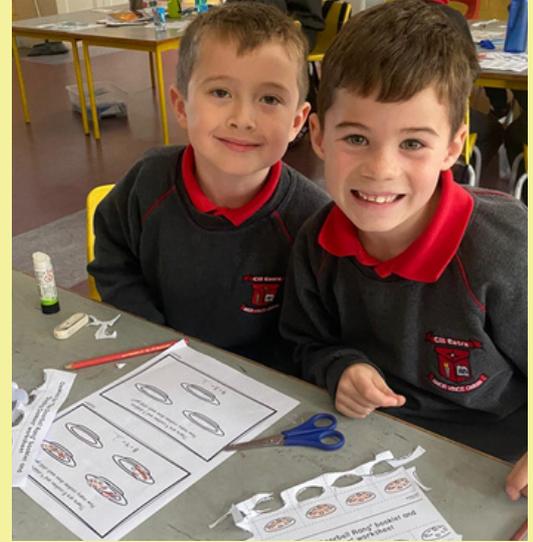
# MATHS WEEK

Last week was MATHS WEEK. We had a fantastic week filled with lots of fun activities for our pupils.

We focused on "Maths Talk", encouraging the boys to work collaboratively, talk about possible strategies they could use to solve fun problems, and to have fun exploring various maths concepts!

During the week the boys enjoyed maths scavenger hunts, daily fun challenges and lots of teamwork! We made catapults to explore distance, explored division using cookies and created some lovely maths inspired art. There was lots of great pair and teamwork going on throughout the week. A highlight of the week was our incredible

"**Maths Carnival Fair**" where the boys were treated to a selection of fun maths games and challenges. A special thank you to Mr. Noone for all of his hard work on Maths Week and also to the boys from Mr. Noone's and Mr. McNamara's classes for working with our younger pupils at the Maths Carnival. Well done to all our pupils for participating in Maths Week! Check out our Instagram page for more photos.



## Instagram

Don't forget, you can follow us on Instagram to keep up to date on all our latest news and events!

@stbrigidbns\_killester



Our Website is currently under development as we have moved to a new hosting site.





## St. Brigid's B.N.S. Fundraiser

Welcome to the St. Brigid's B.N.S. fundraiser lotto. This is a fundraising initiative and the money raised will be used to directly support your children's education and purchase resources for our school including an outdoor classroom, a sensory path and upgrading our ICT equipment.

We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2 will allow everybody to contribute. Please pass the word on and invite friends and family.

**It would be hugely appreciated if you can contribute €5 for 3 lines, and you never know you might just win!**

Thank you so much.

Nuala Cullen, Principal and the Parents' Association

# St. Brigid's B.N.S. Fundraiser Lotto

*Your support makes a real difference*

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

### Play

#### Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

### Pay

**1 line for €2.00, 2 lines for €4 or 3 Lines for €5**

Maximum 3 lines per person

### Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

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### Join Now

Scan the QR code or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stbrigidsbnskillster>