



HAPPY DIWALI

SETNS Newsletter 13th November 2020

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to students, staff and families. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable Mid Term Break. As the days are getting colder can we ask that children wear adequately warm coats. Please encourage them to wear high visibility vests when walking/cycling to school in the morning. Safety is extremely important to us and we would also ask that children wear safety helmets when cycling and scooting to school, especially during the dark winter mornings. Please ensure that all your child/children's coats are labelled and remind them to keep hats, scarves and gloves in a safe place while in school, e.g. their schoolbags or coat pockets. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Lá Spraoi



Before the school closed in March, we held our Lá Spraoi for our 6th Class children. The raffle that the children bought tickets for finally took place last week and the prizes were delivered to the lucky winners. As you can see Artur from Emma's 1st Class won the big teddy bear. Congratulations to all the winners and a big thank you to David for coordinating the raffle and distributing the prizes.

Wear Blue

Congratulations to our very own Niamh McEvoy and the Dublin ladies football team who have successfully reached the semi finals of the All Ireland Championship. Niamh is due to play her semi final match on the weekend of the 28th November. We would love to wish Niamh all the best and send her on her way in a sea of blue. **We are inviting all pupils and staff to wear as many shades of blue as possible on Friday 27th November.** Best of luck to Niamh and all the players on their upcoming matches.



WELLBEING

Our Wellbeing Team have had a busy couple of weeks and thank you to them for keeping spirits up and checking in with us all. Their role in the school has never been more essential. Alice and her team have gathered data through questionnaires and surveys and have been presenting their findings the Board of Management and staff. Results will also be used to help us plan for maintaining connection and Wellbeing during Term 2. 6th Class are engaging in Mindfulness with Annmargaret and the students and teachers have reported how beneficial this has been. The Wellbeing Team would like to wish all families celebrating Diwali a happy and joyous celebration on the 14th of November. Also, Movember is taking place this month and we would like to wish anyone taking part the best of luck in growing their moustaches while raising much needed funds and awareness for Prostate Cancer research.

Parent - Teacher Meetings

You will, by now, have received communication from your child/children's class teacher(s) allocating an appointment time for our upcoming Parent Teacher meetings, via phonecall. If you do not receive them in writing, please contact your child's class teacher. We are going to call the first available number we have on file. If there is no answer we will try the second listed number. If for any reason you require both parents/guardians to be called, please let us know. We look forward to speaking with you at some point throughout the week of the 23rd-27th November.

Voluntary Contributions

This year's voluntary contributions are taking place this week. Due to the current situation that we find ourselves in, we do appreciate that finances might be tight for many families. Any donation that you are financially able to make will go a long way during this time. Money raised provides vital classroom, Curricular, SEN resources etc. We are currently still planning for our outdoor running track and our new Chill Out Space, so any monies raised will go a long way towards funding these projects.

Learn Together

Our Learn Together Curriculum is busy for the next couple of weeks. Children across the school will be learning about and celebrating;

- **Science Week**
- **Diwali (14th November)**
- **Anti Bullying Week (16th November)**
- **Sustainable Global Goals.**

In preparation for Diwali, we have a display in our Foyer. Thanks to Áine and Karina for coordinating this. We wish all families celebrating Diwali best wishes and a prosperous

Pupil Safety

It has come to our attention that some children are not adhering to the rules of the road while on their way home from school each afternoon. If your child cycles or scoots home from school we would appreciate a reminder to them that if using footpaths or cycle lanes, please be respectful of others using them and to adhere to traffic lights and zebra crossings. The school cannot take responsibility for any incidents that happen on the way to and from school; this is why we rely on you, parents/guardians, in this regard. We have received reports of children scooting and cycling on the wrong side of the road and also being careless during times of heavy traffic.