



## WELCOME BACK

An official welcome back to everyone for the school year 2024/2025. It has been so busy from the get go that this is the first newsletter of the year. Already plenty has happened this year. We are delighted to be back and settled into school with a nice warm, positive, calm atmosphere throughout the school.

## NEW JUNIOR INFANTS



A big welcome to all the new Junior Infant students. The girls and boys and Ms O'Mara have all settled in well in their new classroom and have been learning lots of interesting things in the last two months.

Thank you to Ms O'Mara, Bernie, Sinéad, Ms Swinburne and the Senior Infant boys and girls for their help in welcoming the new Junior Infants.

## GENERAL STAFFING UPDATE 2024/2025

Attached is a list of our staff in the school for the year ahead. Contact emails have been shared with you for your child's class teacher.

A big welcome to Ms Buckley in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Class this year. We are delighted to have her on board and she is a great asset to the school with lots of fresh ideas and approaches.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any concerns or information you wish to pass on. As always, I would ask

everyone to keep all communications polite and respectful. We are very lucky to have a hard working and dedicated staff in our school and I am confident that we all have your children's best interests at heart.

I'd also like to welcome Ms Ward to the staff who will be with us two days per week. Ms Ward also works in St Paul's Senior National School in Drogheda.

Junior&Senior Infants	Ms Gillian O'Mara
1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Deputy Principal)	Mrs Elaine Light
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ms Sinéad Buckley
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class (Principal)	Mr Aidan Mc Loughlin
SET	Ms Martina Swinburne
SET	Ms Karen Ward
Principal Release Days	Mr Marcus Maloney
SNA	Ms Bernie Dillon
SNA	Ms Sinéad Pentony
Secretary	Ms Miriam Callan
Caretaker	Mr Jason Fanthorpe
Cleaner	Jessica Stritch

## CELEBRATING ST. THÉRÉSE OF LISIEUX



Saturday 1st of October is the feast day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of our school. Every year Fr Mark visits the school to celebrate St Thérèse with a special school mass. The children learn all about St Thérèse, her life and her special symbol, the rose, which is now incorporated into our school crest.



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### ENROLMENT FOR JUNIOR INFANTS SEPTEMBER 2025

Please see our website for updates on enrolment for Junior Infants Sept 2025 which is now open.

**Enrolment: 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024**

Applications can be made via the online form on the school website. If there is any difficulty with this, please contact the school office directly.

### SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS

Our school football team have played a number of matches representing the school over the past few weeks. After a long wait, we had a great victory against Rathregan which was celebrated with a night off homework for the whole school. The display of team work and comradery between the players was inspiring to see as they cheered each other on. Every member, whether on the pitch or on the side-line contributed greatly to the team and showed dedication as they turned up for training after school on Mondays. Thank you to Fergal Mawe for taking on to train and manage the team this year.

Thanks to Adam, the GPO who visited the school throughout September and October to complete a few sessions with all classes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in the school.



### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

During the summer, our boundary wall was replaced. This was essential work that needed to be carried out due to Health and Safety concerns. This work was fully funded

by the Department of Education through the Emergency Works Scheme. Our yard space is now fully in use again and safe for the children to explore and play during break times.



### NEW PRIMARY MATHS CURRICULUM

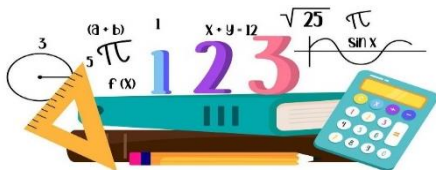
The new Primary Maths Curriculum has been launched and is being introduced this school year. The staff attended a full day training session in Navan Education Centre on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of October. This is quite a new and different approach to Maths teaching in primary schools that involves a lot less copybook work and a lot more of exploring and understanding Maths using concrete



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materials. Children are encouraged to explore different methods for solving equations in a bid to help them to fully understand functional Maths that they will use throughout their lifetimes in real life situations.



### VIOLIN LESSONS

We were delighted to be continuing our violin lessons this year with Music Generation Meath programme. Our violin teacher, Michelle Foy will visit the school every Friday throughout the year to teach our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children violin. This is heavily subsidised with all instruments provided on loan to the school from Music Generation. The improvement in the playing and the great music that the children are producing is incredible and we look forward to hopefully hearing them perform at our Christmas Show.



### PARENTS COUNCIL

Thank you to Noleen, Zoe and Emily for their continued hard work on the Parents Council. Last week's newsletter from the Parents Council gave us a great insight into the invaluable work that they do. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the Halloween Disco in Bellewstown Hall.

Please follow the Parents Council on Facebook or for any queries you can contact

them via email

[parentscouncil@bellewstownns.com](mailto:parentscouncil@bellewstownns.com)

### WELLNESS

Thank you for the responses to our Wellness Survey. The data has been collated and we will be identifying areas for further improvement. A survey for the children will be completed soon, followed by a staff survey. Hearing the voices of all stakeholders in the school is important and we always welcome feedback and input.

### GOAL JERSEY DAY

We celebrated Goal Jersey day on Friday 11th October 2024. We all wore our favourite jerseys that day which was a nice change from our uniforms. A total of €300 was raised. Well done everyone!



### DRESS UP DAY

We had great fun today dressing up in costumes in preparation for Halloween. There were plenty of creative costumes. We enjoyed our spooks parade and mini disco in the court where each class had a chance to show off their costumes to everyone else in the school.





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### FRUIT PLATTERS

This year as a treat for the children, to celebrate both Harvest time and Halloween each class had a platter of fruit at break time to munch on.



### PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher meetings for all classes are scheduled for the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of November. After midterm break booking will open on Aladdin where you can book a meeting with the teachers.

### OUR SPOOKTACULAR SCHOOL

A huge thank you to our Parents' Council who did a fantastic job on decorating our school for Halloween. The volunteers and some students gave up some free time last week to decorate both the inside and outside of the school with lots of spooky webs, witches, pumpkins, spiders and more.



### SCHOOL POLICIES

A number of school policies were updated and ratified over the past few weeks including our Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment. All updated policies will be uploaded to our school website after ratification by the Board of Management. The Board of Management Agreed Report will also be uploaded to the website following each meeting. As always, if any parents have feedback on any policy, please feel free to contact us to discuss.



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### MEDICAL CONDITIONS & MEDICINES

This is just a reminder that any medical conditions must be notified to your child's class teacher and an indemnity form must be signed for any/all medication that is administered on school grounds e.g. inhalers, jext pens etc... Please see our Administration of Medication policy on the school website for the forms. Ms. Swinburne is the contact for any queries concerning this and she will be chasing up any missing forms over the coming weeks.

### MATHS WEEK

Last week the children had lots of fun participating in Maths quizzes and games as part of Maths week. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class designed our very own Scoil Naomh Treasa Maths trail and lead their teams (1 child from each class) around the school to answer lots of maths based questions on our school. It is always fun and interesting to view Maths in different ways and see how useful it can be to us in various aspects of our lives.



### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Fr. Mark has kindly agreed to make the church available for our show on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This is an open invite to anyone who wishes to attend for a fun filled show the wonderful children of Scoil Naomh Treasa. More details to follow after midterm break.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mid-term Break: 25<sup>th</sup> October - 3rd November 2024
- Parent / Teacher Meetings: 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 (J.I. - 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Christmas Show: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

*Thanks for reading!*

*Mr Aidan Mc Loughlin*

**Happy Halloween!**



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**Junior & Senior Infants 2024**



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**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class 2024**



**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class 2024**



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