



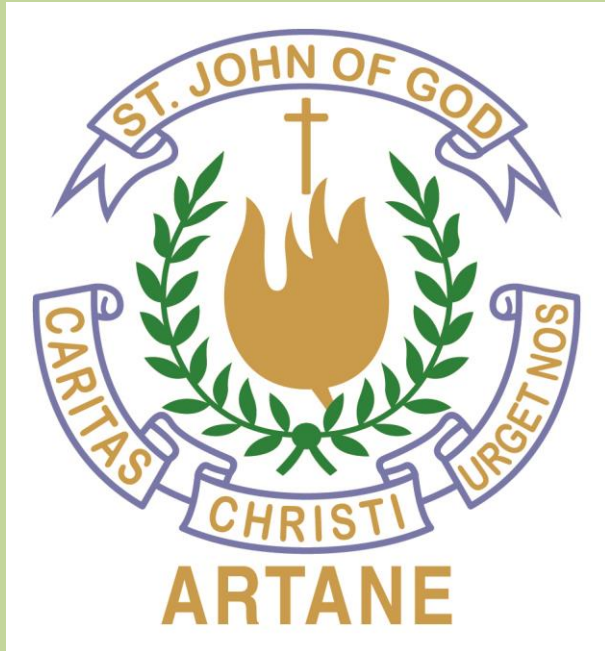
## St. John of God G.N.S. October Newsletter 2019

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

- ❖ The Parents' Association will hold their **A.G.M. on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8p.m. in the school hall.** We are always looking for new members to be more actively involved. Whether you can give a little or a lot of time, we would be delighted to welcome you on board this vibrant and active association. Please come along to the A.G.M. on Thursday and register your interest. If you can't make it but would still like to be involved please send in your name and number.
- ❖ The P.A. are organising two events for the month of October. Tell all your family and friends about the **Halloween Family Bingo Day on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 2-4p.m. in the Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre.** This is always a great fun event for the whole family. The children can come in their fancy dress costumes (as can the adults!) There will be a free children's raffle on the day and lots of laughter and great prizes to be won. This is one you don't want to miss out on.
- ❖ The P.A. will also be holding their annual **Halloween Raffle on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October.** Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October at €1 per strip. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a very spooky piñata and there will also be an individual prize for each class.

### HEALTHY EATING WEEK

**Healthy Eating Week** will run in the school from **30<sup>th</sup> September-4<sup>th</sup> October.** This is a chance to remind the girls what a healthy lunch looks like. A copy of the Healthy Eating Policy will be going home with each girl this week and we will be running a **Fruit and Vegetable Tasting Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October with all the classes.** We will be covering lots of lessons on **Healthy Eating** and the Food Pyramid throughout the week and hope to help the girls to develop a taste for healthy eating habits for life.



DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

We've had a busy and happy start to the school year so far. Just a reminder that the **school will be closed on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October for inservice on the New Primary Language Curriculum:**

October means Halloween for lots of the children and we mark this occasion in our own special way in the school. On **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** we host our annual **Céilí na Samhna.** The children all dress up in their Halloween costumes and perform their class céilí dance, which their teachers will prepare with them, for the whole school. There is always such great excitement and buzz around the school for the céilí and the children can be heard speaking Irish throughout the day. Traditionally, the girls have made some really creative and imaginative costumes for the event and we look forward to seeing this year's creations 😊

## HSCL EVENTS

- ✓ We will be hosting a whole school coffee morning in aid of St. Francis Hospice in Raheny on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 9-11.00a.m. If you are free on the day you are most welcome to attend.
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class parents are invited in to their daughter's class to play some games with the children based around literacy and reading. Literacy for Fun will run over 4 weeks on 30<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Nessa on 0860439773. You don't have to commit to all 4 dates.
- ✓ Nessa will also be organising Pumpkin Carving with 5<sup>th</sup> class on Tuesday 22/10/19 which promises to be spooktastic☺

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

**Parent Teacher Meetings** will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** You will be given your meeting time very shortly. This is a really important initial meeting with your daughter's teacher where she will give you a report on your daughter's progress so far. Due to the volume of meetings each teacher will have to get through, each slot is strictly ten minutes long. Further appointments can be made with the teacher as the need arises.

### Sport

- Swim Ireland have fully funded 13 weeks of excellent quality swimming lessons to the girls in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class. The girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class are currently doing 6 weeks of lessons too.
- Keith O Halloran from the F.A.I. will be training Senior Infants – 6<sup>th</sup> class in soccer up until the Christmas break.
- Colm McDonald continues his coaching of the girls in Gaelic Football and Camogie every fortnight.
- The whole school is running The Daily Mile every day. 6<sup>th</sup> class have taken this to the next level and are completing the Marathon Kids programme which sees them running set distances each day which will culminate in them having run the equivalent of a marathon over several weeks. We are hopeful of a training session with Irish International Track and Field star David Gillick soon.



*Creative Clay work with Artist Deirdre O Reilly*

**Richard Gavin** will be in on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** to take the **Junior Infant photographs.** We would ask **all children to wear their full uniform on this day as he will also be taking all the class photos for the calendars and book marks.**

### Creative Schools Pilot

We have teamed up with artist Deirdre O Reilly as part of our engagement with the Creative Schools Project. Deirdre will be working with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class over the next 10 weeks, exploring the children's creativity through visual arts.

The School Completion Programme is funding our Homework Club, Ukulele club and Cookery classes. It also part-funds the Breakfast Club in conjunction with Kelloggs Community Foundation.

**6<sup>th</sup> class will be developing their coding and programming skills working on Ozobots over 3 weeks in October and November.**

**This month's Family Mass takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 in St. John Vianney Church. As always, all are welcome.**

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Aoife McNicholas  
Principal

