

St. John of God G.N.S. October Newsletter 2017

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

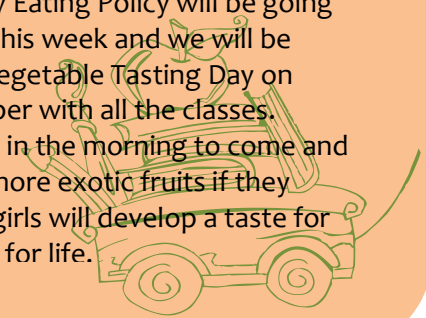
The Parents' Association will hold their **A.G.M. on Thursday 5th October at 8p.m. in the school hall.** Every parent of a child enrolled in the school is automatically a member of the PA. However, we are always looking for new members to be more actively involved. Whether you can give only a little time 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.

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 22nd 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 if they'd like to make it extra spooky!) 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 27th October.** Tickets for the raffle will be on sale from Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October at €1 per strip. 1st 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 **2nd-6th 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 Wednesday 4th October with all the classes. Parents are welcome in the morning to come and try out some of our more exotic fruits if they wish. Hopefully the girls will 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. As we look ahead to the month of October there are a few events we'd like to make you aware of.

October means Halloween for lots of the children and we mark this occasion in our own special way in the school. On **Friday 27th 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

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Whole School Coffee Morning last Tuesday. It was a lovely morning full of chats being had and new friendships being forged. Following on from this we are holding a **Junior Infant Coffee Morning on Tuesday 10th October from 9.00 onwards** for the parents of all our new Junior Infants. It will be a lovely social occasion and a chance to put a face to all the names you will be hearing about over the coming year! If you are free you are most welcome to come along.

1st and 2nd 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 **2nd/9th/16th and 23rd October**. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Aisling on 0860439773. You don't have to commit to all 4 dates. If you would like to come on even one of the days that would be brilliant. Aisling runs through the games with the parents before you go into the class each week. The children always feel really proud when they see mam or dad getting involved and helping in their class. It's a lovely bonding exercise and great for parents to see a little of what goes on in our classrooms here.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher Meetings will be held during the week of **23rd-26th 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. If you feel it necessary, you can make a further appointment with your child's teacher at a later date. We try to facilitate sisters' appointment times and appointments with learning support teachers as best we can.

SWIMMING

Swimming will continue for 4th, 5th and 6th classes for the next 4 weeks at Northside Pool. Parent volunteers to accompany the girls are always welcome.



Well done to the Dubs Ladies and Men:

All-Ireland Winners over Mayo 2017

A sneak preview of what's coming up in Nov:

- ✓ Monday 30th October-Friday 3rd November inclusive school closed for midterm break.
- ✓ Monday 6th November school reopens.
- ✓ **MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM TRAINING**
- ✓ 6th/16th/20th/27th Nov and 4th Dec First Aid Course for parents
- ✓ 7th/14th/21st and 28th November Junior Infants Maths for Fun
- ✓ 10th November Junior Infants Immunisations
- ✓ 22nd November Open Day (class calendars will go on sale at the Open Day)
- ✓ 28th November Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony in St. John Vianney Church @ 6.30
- ✓ 28th November Communion Enrolment Ceremony in St. John Vianney Church @7.30

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Principal

