

Inchicore NS Newsletter October 2020



Thank you all for your wonderful cooperation and support over the past two months. Students and staff have settled well into their new routines. Thank you also for engaging with Google Classroom, our blended learning platform over the past few weeks.

School Staff 2020-2021

We would like to welcome new teachers Ms Preston, Ms Brady and Ms Mulligan to our school staff this year and welcome back Ms Conway. Farewell to Ms Hallissey and Ms Cunningham who are working in new schools this year. Also, congratulations to Ms. O'Leary and Ms Rooney on the birth of their new babies.



Maths Week 2020

We celebrated Maths Week last week and the children really enjoyed exploring new maths activities and games each day in their classrooms.

Class Updates

Junior Infants have settled in really well to their new school. In Aistear, for September the children worked on The Doctor's Surgery and are working on The Halloween Shop for October. They have also been learning lots of nursery rhymes and reading new stories. We are learning all

about Autumn this month and the children went on a nature walk hunt to the park in Inchicore, where we collected leaves, sycamore seeds, dandelions, conkers and buttercups.



This term Senior Infants have been learning about The Café and food in Aistear and also learning about the signs of Autumn. The children have been focusing on predicting and making connections when they are reading stories. They also enjoyed a lovely nature walk in the local park where they identified local trees and leaves.

Suas Maths Whizz Prog.

4th Class are working on a new maths program called Maths Whizz this term and are really enjoying it.

[Maths-Whizz](#) is an online curriculum-based maths programme created by Whizz Education. The aim of the programme is to improve children's maths skills through fun and engaging games. Lessons are personalised for each child through an initial assessment which identifies the child's strengths and weaknesses in maths.

Blue Star Programme

Next term 5th class will take part in the Blue Star Programme. This programme.

is about improving the children's knowledge of the EU and encourages them to get more creative when learning about Europe. There will be lots of project work and hands-on activities involved and will really benefit their learning across different subject areas.

There are 4 main elements to the programme:

1. Historical - History in Europe
2. Geographical - Geography in Europe
3. Cultural & Creativity in Europe - exploring culture, art, traditions in Europe
4. Institutional - learning all about how the EU works & the benefits of being an EU member country

Children can write a letter to their local MEP and invite him into school to talk about their work in Europe and the Union - although this year it will probably be more online based - via Zoom etc.

Here is the link outlining what the programme is all about <file:///C:/Users/Team%20Knohow/Downloads/Teachers%20Resource%20Information%20Pack%202020-2021.pdf>

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021

Application forms will be available from the office and the school website to download from November 1st



Art Competition

Well done to all the pupils who entered this year's Credit Union Art Competition. The theme this year was- *Imagine More*
We were all very impressed with the standard of entries. Winners will be notified after the midterm break.

Masks

As levels of Covid 19 infections rise, we would appeal to all parents/guardians to please wear masks if you have to enter the stone building to collect a pupil and also in the yard when collecting J Infants. Please also remember to maintain a 2-metre social distance.



4th class are currently taking part in a project called [CRAFTed](#) through Zoom every Friday. This is the DCCol's primary schools programme delivered in partnership with the Association of Teachers' Education Centres of Ireland (ATECI). CRAFTed works with children to provide skills for life through positive, collaborative and joyful engagement with craft and design processes. By emphasising the making journey rather than finished products, CRAFTed allows space for experimentation, active learning and personal growth. It focuses on harnessing the creativity of every child, valuing individual creative expression.

Hand Sanitiser

Our school is not using the recently recalled hand sanitiser that you may have heard about in media reports.



Science Week

Science week takes place this year from Nov. 8th - 15th. This year the students will be having online incursions with scientists in their classrooms!

The core theme for Science Week 2020 is

'Choosing our Future'

The theme focuses on how science can improve our lives in the future, and in the present. Exploring how science can help us to make positive choices that will impact the environment, our health, and our quality of life. Changes based in scientific evidence that we make today can hugely improve our future life, but also right now.

See www.sfi.ie for lots more information and to apply for online events.

Historian in Residence

Dublin's Historian-in-Residence for Children, Dervilia Roche based at Richmond Barracks will be working with 5th and 6th Class next term.

She will collaborate with the children to explore local and social history, develop new skills and have lots of fun discovering new stories from our city along the way.

Parents Council

Thank you to the Parents Council for providing a Halloween treat to all the boys and girls.



Test Results

Thank you for updating us on Covid 19 test results. Please continue to do so. We would encourage our school community to follow the public health advice over the next 6 weeks.



Green Schools Update

We are currently working on the second year of our Travel Flag Program. This will be our 5th Green School Flag. Before lockdown our Green School Committee carried out a walkability audit in the local area and then submitted the findings and recommendations to Dublin City Council. In line with our action plan, we are trying to encourage pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school and it is great to see the numbers have increased since our return to school. Keep up the good work!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN !



We hope you all enjoy the midterm break!

