

Scoil Chaitriona News!



November '24



Important Dates

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Tuesday 19th November
School Trip to Enniskillen

Fri 22nd November
School Closure: Teacher Training

Thursday 28th Nov
PT Meetings
(school finishes at 2pm)

Friday 29th November
School Closed : General Election

Monday 2nd December
School Closed (as per calendar)

Dear Parents

As we move into the holiday season, there is a sense of excitement in the air. This half term tends to very busy with Parent Teacher meetings, Christmas activities, school plays and a couple of nice surprises along the way. Please mark your calendars for the key dates below, and stay tuned for more festive updates as we prepare for an enjoyable lead-up to Christmas

Upcoming Dates and Activities

Teacher Training Day – Friday, 22nd November

The school will be closed as teachers undertake training in Donegal Town on the new Primary Math Curriculum being rolled out next year.

Parent Teacher Meetings– Thursday, 28th November

The school will finish at 2.00pm to allow meetings to take place between 2 and 6pm. You can book a slot through Aladdin Connect or the school will send you a time via text message.

School Closure (Election Day)– Friday, 29th November

As the school is a polling station we will be closed on this day for the General Election. Apologies for any inconvenience.

School Closure – Monday, 2nd December

Please note that the school will be closed on Friday, 22nd November, as per the school calendar.

Surprise Trip – Tuesday, 19th November

Next Tuesday we will be surprising the children with a fun day out in Enniskillen as part of improving Wellbeing and also to say well done for all their hard work so far this year. **Please note: Junior and Senior infants will be staying until 3.00pm**



Fundraising

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and children for your wonderful fundraising efforts! Together, we raised an impressive €120 on GOAL Jersey Day, supporting GOAL's work around the world. We were also very impressed with the generous donations of Christmas shoeboxes filled with goodies. These thoughtful contributions will help bring joy to children in need this holiday season and we are so proud to have such a caring school community!



Christmas Tree Festival

We are delighted to be taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival hosted by St Anne's Hall in the first week of December. This is a fundraiser to upgrade the Church bells. Several schools, community groups and businesses are coming together to decorate a tree which represents their organisation. There will be over 60 trees in total and promises to be a spectacular event. On Friday evening the 6th December some of our children will be singing Christmas carols as part of a school concert. We will fill you in with more details closer to the time.

A peek behind the classroom doors...

October and November have been bustling months filled with hard work, balanced with fun and engaging activities. From lively games on the yard to creative projects in the classroom, the children have enjoyed a wonderful mix of learning and play. Take a look at some of the photos below to see them in action, making the most of this term's activities. Here's to more exciting months ahead!



Halloween Dress Up and Fun!

[See more here!](#)



Science Exhibition in the Junior Room

[See more here!](#)



Pumpkin Carving, Art , Library Visits, and Homemade Soup,

[See more here!](#)



In the Spotlight...



What is your favourite memory of school?

When we got to throw wet sponges at Mr Carr!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

Time travel and teleportation. I would travel to see what Bangladesh is like in the future and see my baby cousin.

If you were the principal for a day, what would you change?

I would get rid of uniforms and allow students to wear whatever they wanted and play 'Dress to Impress'.



What is your favourite memory of school?

Going on a school tour in Letterkenny to Lurgy Brack Open Farm in Junior Infants

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

I would like to be able to save people from danger; to have super strength and speed!

If you were the principal for a day, what would you change?

I would install a zip line downstairs to the court and an escalator back up to class. We would go to Funny Bones every Friday and build a new astroturf to play football.



What is your favourite memory of school?

Our school tour trip to Waterworld and becoming best friends with Tyler!

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

I would like to time travel to go back and see the Titanic.

If you were the principal for a day, what would you change?

I would put ice cream on the school lunch menu and there would be a school disco every day!



Active Breaks Challenge

As part of our Active Flag campaign and in conjunction with Irish heart foundation we are taking part in the Active Breaks challenge starting from Monday 18th for 4 weeks.

Children will be attempting to complete 60 minutes activity each day, they will receive a booklet to track their progress and will learn about motivation, goal setting and health along the way. We encourage you to take part in this with your child at home too!



Activities for Parents (Anita)

Our HSCL coordinator, Anita, has been as busy as ever arranging a variety of activities for parents! The Aqua Aerobics sessions have proven very popular, with a fantastic turnout each week. We still have two more weeks of Aqua Aerobics, so feel free to join in for some fun and fitness at 9:30 on Thursday mornings at the Leisure Centre. These sessions are completely free for parents! Additionally, Anita is planning to organize Christmas Craft Workshops in the coming weeks, giving parents a chance to get creative and festive. Keep an eye out for more details

Ulster Boxing Champion..

Congratulations to Paddy Joe who won the Ulster Boxing Championship in his weight category, just rewards for all his hard work and training. Well done!

