

As we come to the end of a busy and productive first half of the term, I want to take a moment to thank our pupils, staff, and families for their hard work, positivity, and support.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned midterm break. Take the time to rest, relax, and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the second half of the term!

Reminder The school is closed tomorrow, as it is used as a Polling Station. We are closed all of next week for our Midterm Break.

Learn Together Assembly

Over the past few weeks, 2nd and 3rd classes have been exploring what it truly means to be kind and to be a friend. They've shared stories, written reflections, and shown through their actions that kindness and friendship can make our school a happier, safer, and more welcoming place for everyone.

Bi Cineálta – Be Kind

Our **Bi Cineálta – Be Kind** theme has been at the heart of everything we've done this term. It has been wonderful to see so many acts of kindness and friendship across the school — in classrooms, on the yard, and in the way our pupils care for one another each day.

As we continue to build a school where every child feels seen, valued, and supported, let's remember that these values start with us — in our words, our choices, and our hearts.

Let's carry forward our message of *Bi Cineálta* — **Bi Cineálta** — Be Kind, and take care of one another, because when we choose kindness, we create friendship, and when we create friendship, we build a community where everyone belongs.

Senior Infant PTA Meet and Greet/ Classroom Visit

On Wednesday the Senior Infant parents met in the Nurture Room. The PTA provided the Teas and Coffees. It was a lovely opportunity to meet each other and find out about getting involved in PTA activities. The parents then went to the classroom where the children proudly showed off their classroom and entertained the rapt audience with a Hallowe'en amhráin (song) and a poem. Thank you, he Caitriona Cotter and the PTA for facilitating this get together.

Halloween Safety Message for Children

It is imperative that all children remain safe over the Halloween period and that they return to school in the same way that they leave it for the break. It can be a time of year that is filled with fun and joy for children but unfortunately there are also many dangers that they may encounter over the period and this message is to highlight those and to try and guide the children on the right things to do, in order to stay safe.



Earth Mandala Workshop.

Ciara Bláth facilitated a workshop, creating an Earth Mandala, with adults, yesterday evening in the Multi-purpose Room.

An Earth mandala, also known as nature mandalas, is a temporary circular art installation created from natural objects like stones, leaves, and flowers.

It was used as a meditative and mindful activity and the participants felt connected to nature, while exploring creativity.

Thank you to the PTA for organising it and the ETB for funding it. Thank you, Ciara for introducing us all to the power of the mandala.

This is a lovely Samhain activity, when nature has so much colour to offer. Give it a go over the break with your family and friends.



Hot Meals

Please take a few moments to read the attached letter for more information about the Hot Meals Programme.