

## Scoil San Treasa

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#### *News from Scoil San Treasa*

- **Maths Week 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October:** There was an added focus on Maths last week with particular emphasis on 'Problem Solving'. From our consultation with parents, we know that parents in Scoil San Treasa are interested in accessing ways in which they can support their children's Maths learning at home. You will find links for many useful Maths-related websites in the 'Links' tab on our website. The following are well worth checking out:
  - [Maths Week Ireland](#): The **Resources** section of the website contains a wealth of fun, challenging puzzles, activities and games for all ages.
  - [nzmaths](#): This website provides some ideas for using everyday experiences and resources in the home to raise mathematical awareness. It includes ideas for supporting your children's learning in all areas of mathematics-geometry, measurement, statistics, algebra and number.
- **Scoil San Treasa Le Chéile:** The SST Le Chéile group consists of two children from each class, from third class to sixth class. They meet regularly with Ms Mullin and have many interesting discussions exploring ideas and different ways in which we can continuously improve our school. Their role is also to communicate and consult on various ideas/topics with their class. We had our first meeting last week and discussed yard games, novelty day and Hallowe'en.
- **Jersey Day:** Our recent jersey day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October raised €775 for GOAL charity. Go raibh míle maith agaibh! There was great colour and fun throughout the school. There are lots of photographs of the classes on the school website.



#### *Important Dates*

- The **Annual General Meeting of Scoil San Treasa's Board of Management and Parents' Association** is scheduled for 7:00pm on **Monday 23rd November**. Due to Covid 19 restrictions the meeting will take place as a Zoom webinar/meeting. The Agenda, minutes from 2019 AGM and access details for the webinar will be circulated closer to the date.
- It is planned that **Parent/Teacher Meetings** for all classes will take place **during the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November**. However, due to Covid 19, it will not be possible for these meetings to take place in the school. We are currently awaiting guidance from the DES and more information regarding the format will follow in early November. As always, should there be a matter of concern at any stage throughout the year, please get in touch (via note/email/phone call to the school) with the teacher in a timely way so that we can work together to bring about the good outcomes for our pupils.

#### *HSE*

The HSE continue to update guidance for parents which addresses the following issues:

- Symptoms to look out for and when to contact your GP
- When to keep your child at home and phone your GP
- When it's okay to send your child to school or childcare

This guidance can be accessed at the following link: [HSE: COVID-19 Advice for Parents](#)

## Hallowe'en

- **Hallowe'en Safety:** Our Community Guard, Garda John O'Shea, visited fifth class earlier in the week, advising them of safety issues at Hallowe'en. We appreciate his time and his interest in the wellbeing and safety of our pupils. It is worth reminding all children of safety issues at this time of the year – including the risks associated with fireworks and the general safety when being 'out and about' on dark evenings.
- **Hallowe'en Dress Up:** Pupils from infants through to sixth class are welcome to dress up for Hallowe'en on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October if they so wish. Please bear in mind the sensitivities of others, including children of all ages and with varying needs, as you ensure that your child's costume on the day is 'school-appropriate'. Effectively, items/clothing that could cause offence/nuisance/injury to self or others should be left at home. To help things to run smoothly, safely and 'happily' for all in the context of a school day, children should not wear face paint, hair dye or masks. It's important to bear in mind that the children will still need to be warm and comfortable in the yard during playtime, and that long or trailing clothing should be avoided as it could pose a hazard on steps/stairs etc. **Where possible, children are encouraged to tap into their creative energies and put together their own costume/outfit for the day, with your guidance.** We hope that this proves to be an enjoyable day for all.
- **Thank you** to the parent group from the parents association for their work with Hallowe'en decorations and prizes for the pupils in the school. In addition to the children's lovely art work the decorations certainly contribute to a very colourful mid-term atmosphere in the school. **Míle buíochas!**



## Mid Term Break

- dlr Libraries are running some interesting online events during the midterm break. More details at the following links: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/halloween-events-children-during-mid-term-break-dlr-libraries>

Well done to all on the fine input in the first half term to date. School life has continued because of the very significant efforts of our teachers, parents, Board of Management, the children, the cleaning and maintenance teams, all of whom have adapted school life to cope with living with Covid-19 and supporting the school on a daily basis to ensure that protocols are adhered to for everyone's safety. Every week that schools stay open is a blessing and as we move through the term our confidence builds. Renewed thanks to all in the school community for your ongoing support and for playing your part as we do our best to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

We hope you all enjoy a happy, relaxing and safe midterm break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Frances Mullin – Principal, Scoil San Treasa