

## Scoil San Treasa

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## Nuachtlitir 3: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### Nuacht Scoile

#### Virtual Novelty Week

The 6<sup>th</sup> classes are busy preparing for Virtual Novelty Week (6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December), putting great energy, enthusiasm and hard work into the preparations and the overall coordination of the event and revealing great business acumen in the process! Many thanks to all who support this ever-popular event in the school calendar which creates a great buzz around the school.



#### Science Week



The theme of the recent Science week was 'Choosing our Future' which focused on how Science can improve our lives in the future, and in the present. Lots of interesting Science work took place in the school, for example, bridge constructions, investigation of acids and bases, thaumatrope art, prisms, and static electricity. There are lots of photographs and information on our school website. The sixth classes are busy preparing their projects for the Primary Science Fair (as part of the BT Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition 2022).



#### Literacy

All children in Senior Infants and First class are deriving great literacy enjoyment from the new PM readers during station teaching and guided reading. The PM books are highly engaging and enjoyable and they are also graded so that each child is enabled to extend their own reading standards.

#### Aistear

Junior Infants are very busy engaging in Aistear. During Aistear the children are implementing their numeracy, literacy and social skills in a more meaningful way through the use of role play, games and real-life situations. Aistear is the early childhood curriculum framework for all children from birth to six years. The word Aistear is the Irish word for journey.



## Vision and Hearing Testing

The Junior Infants had their vision and hearing screening at the school this week. Nurses Eileen and Juanita complimented the boys and girls on their excellent behaviour and lovely manners.



## Kilmacud Crokes

On Friday 12th November, the children wore the Kilmacud Crokes jerseys/colours to mark the special occasion of the county senior hurling final, senior football final and ladies league final. Scoil San Treasa has many past pupils represented in the panels including Rachel Fleming, Charlotte O' Farrell, Padraig Purcell, Dara Purcell, Anthony Quinn, Alex Considine, Dara Mullin, Michael Mullin, James Dillon, Rory Smith and Mr Fergal Whitely. We are looking forward to welcoming some of the players to the school with the cups in the coming weeks, which will take place outside on the yards, in celebration of the double success. We wish the teams the very best of luck in their upcoming Leinster games.



Kilmacud Crokes have also commenced Football coaching with the children in both First classes on Thursdays. Crokes Abú!



## Hockey

Well done to the girls from fifth and sixth class on their involvement in hockey which has been coordinated by parents who have willingly given of their time and expertise. Thank you to all who give freely of their personal time to coach and support the children, not just on sunny days but in less favourable weather!



## Christmas Cards

The children had great fun designing and creating their own personalised Christmas cards at school over the past few weeks. These cards will be sent home this week. A big thank you to all the teachers and to the Parents Association for organising this important fundraiser.

## Primary Curriculum – Parent consultation

The Primary Curriculum is changing and the proposed changes aim to enhance children's learning in school and provide for even more relevant and meaningful learning. Further information on the [proposals are here](#). The consultation on the Draft Primary Curriculum Framework has now reopened and will continue until the end of February 2022. Parents are invited to [submit feedback at this link](#).



### In November we remember

November is a time for remembering and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us. We mark this time of the year in our school with our sacred space in the Foyer and in the classrooms. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, the school joined with Fr. Joe Mullan via the parish webcam at the 10am Mass to remember the deceased members of the school community.



### Child Protection and Safeguarding

National Children First Awareness Week took place from 1st to 7th November 2021. Children First promotes the protection of children, by setting out what individuals and organisations need to do to keep children safe, and how to deal with concerns about a child's safety or welfare. More information on keeping children safe in our communities is available at [gov.ie/childrenfirst](http://gov.ie/childrenfirst)



In line with procedures at national level, the Board of Management reviews the school's Child Safeguarding (Child Protection) Statement and Risk Assessment annually. This is published on [www.sstreasa.ie](http://www.sstreasa.ie) and is also available on request from the school. Parents who wish to give feedback/share considerations that they would like to have borne in mind may do so by sending an email to [principal@sstreasa.ie](mailto:principal@sstreasa.ie), with 'Child Safeguarding Statement Review' in the subject line by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### Sacraments – Eucharist and Confirmation



The children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class and 6<sup>th</sup> class are putting great work into the preparations for the Sacraments with their teachers. The dates for the sacraments are as follows:

- Eucharist: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Confirmation: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022

We wish all of the children every blessing and commend all those who support them in their journey of faith in so many different ways - school, home, parish and beyond.



### Health and Safety

#### Hair check

Parents are reminded of the importance of including a 'hair check' in the regular weekend routine right throughout the year. You are strongly encouraged to have children's hair, if long, tied back.

#### School hours

We reiterate the following with regard to access to school outside school hours: Your child's safety is important to us, and school security is also important. **Parents are responsible for their children outside official school hours. (8:40am to 1:20pm for infants; 8:40am to 2:20pm for other classes – other than early closing).**

#### Car parks

Children's safety is of paramount importance at all times. We would also like to remind you of the importance of driving with care and observing sensible safety precautions in the areas around and near the school - **cars should be driven very slowly and not parked on pathways that are marked for pedestrian use.** We need to be mindful of safety in car parks at all times and particularly on the wet days which make life more challenging for all.

## Covid-19

Last week the HSE and the DES confirmed arrangements for a new system of antigen testing of asymptomatic close contacts in primary schools which commenced on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Please read this very important information which is attached and [published at this link](#).

Please see link below for parent-focused public health advice about COVID-19 symptoms.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a04fc-advice-for-students-and-their-families/#health-advice-for-parents>

The HPSC regularly update their Isolation quick guide for parents and guardians of children older than 3 months and up to 13 years of age. [The most recent update \(V3.0. 24.11.2021\) is at this link](#).

The school year is now well underway and the children are to be highly commended on their great work, enthusiasm and the happiness that they bring to the school. Their work in the classrooms and the beautiful art work on the corridors create a real buzz in the school. Maith sibh go léir a pháistí! Please visit our school website which will give you an insight into how busy we all are in our school, learning in many different ways.



We are looking forward to the remainder of Term 1 and we hope that all in our community will continue to be well. We continue to operate all HSE infection prevention and control measures to help keep our environment safe and to prevent the spread of the Covid 19 virus. The support of all parents is very much appreciated by the staff at the school and we acknowledge your commitment to the children and to the school community—go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Frances Mullin – Principal, Scoil San Treasa

