

Scoil Treasa Newsletter

Halloween
2015

Big Welcome to all our new Junior Infants

We'd like to welcome all the fabulous new Junior Infants (pictured to the right) who have joined us in Scoil Treasa Naofa this year. They are settling in well, having lots of fun and working hard for their teacher Ms Broderick.

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to older children who have joined us from other schools, and to all parents and families who are new to our school community.



5th and 6th Visit Kilmainham Jail

As part of their history coursework, the students from 5th and 6th class visited the old jail in Kilmainham this week where many of the most important figures in Irish history were imprisoned.

In advance of next year's 100 year commemoration of the Easter Rising, this was an opportunity for the children to gain insight into the conditions experienced by the 1916 leaders who spent their final days there after the rebellion.



Junior Classes Enjoy Picnic in Phoenix Park

On September 23rd, Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class, together with teachers and parents visited the Phoenix park for our annual school picnic and activity morning. This year again we were lucky with the weather and everyone had a fantastic time.



Class News

Junior Infants

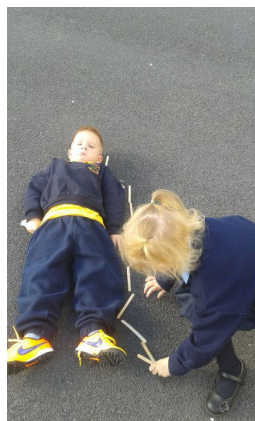
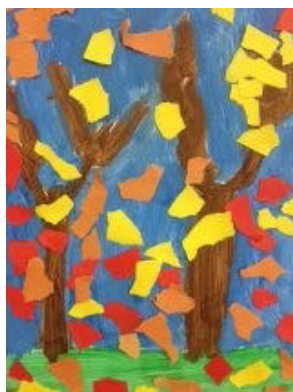
Junior Infants have been very busy since they started school. They have all settled in really well and are working very hard. They are very busy learning all about Autumn and doing lots of fun Maths games. All of Junior Infants would like to wish everyone a spooky Halloween!

Senior Infants A+B

Senior Infants are happy to give a big welcome to our new students, Orjwan, Yaseen, Said, Jessica, Taha and Amina who joined us in September. Since then we've all been working hard to blend sounds and learn all about the number line, especially number 6! We also know all about Autumn in both English and Irish. And we painted a giant mural in autumn colours, much bigger than ourselves.

5th Class

We have had a busy first term in Fifth Class - just this week we went on a trip to Kilmainham Gaol and started work on our 1916 Rising Project. We also received a visit from two Gardaí who spoke to us about how to keep safe at Halloween. This Friday we are invited to Warrenmount Secondary School to make scary Halloween masks. We have been having fun learning the Haka in Irish to coincide with the Rugby World Cup and will perform it in School Assembly this Friday.



1st Class

We have had a super few weeks settling into 1st class! We welcomed three new children to our class - Omar, Mohammed and Paris. We read lots of stories and especially enjoyed "The Smartest Giant in Town" We went on a trip to the Phoenix Park with our teddy bears, and our mums and dads, and we solved some very difficult problems during Maths week.!



Above and below: Art from 1st term



2nd Class

Second class want to wish everyone a happy midterm. We have been learning about road safety and how to stay safe when we are out trick-or-treating. We've been learning about autumn and we have some brand new poems in Irish. We're writing narratives in our writing workshops and in History we learned about the first moon landing. It has been a busy, fun term.

6th Class

6th Class have had a busy first term. We did a unit of work on Nonsense poetry to begin the term, concentrating on the writer Edward Lear. In Maths, with help from the CUS boys, we played maths games and built with Lego. Throughout the term we had some lovely talks and open days related to our choice of secondary school. Add to this swimming, National Tree Day trip, assembly performance...what a term of work completed by 6th!



3rd Class

3rd class have been extremely busy so far this year. We have started a variety of new things like novels and cursive handwriting. In our class groups we have done projects on Christopher Columbus, Na Fianna and the Human Body. We are having lots of fun.



4th Class

4th class are really looking forward to Halloween break because we've been working so hard. We managed to win 5 medals already so we had an ice cream and movie party last week. We've been learning all about famous buildings in Dublin and have just finished some lovely projects on them. The boys from 4th class are heading to a football blitz this week and hopefully it will be great fun.

CUS Students Volunteer in School

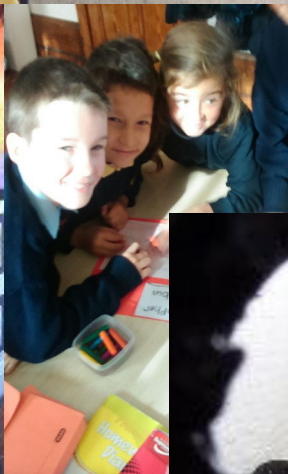
This year again we are delighted to have the help of transition year students from Catholic University School who volunteer one day per week to assist with our Maths for Fun programme. This help is greatly appreciated.



One of the CUS students in 2nd Class

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News in Pictures



National Tree Day in Stephen's Green

On Wednesday 7th October, 6th class visited St. Stephen's Green for National Tree Day organised by the OPW. It was a beautiful sunny day and the trees in the park looked fantastic in their Autumn colours. 6th class had the opportunity to identify trees by their leaf shape. We learned to identify the Beech, Maple, London Plane and Oak amongst others. Then we had the chance to measure the height of trees using an interesting method that uses a bamboo stick of one metre in length. Who knew trees could be so interesting! After all our hard work, we enjoyed a quick visit to the playground before returning to school.



6th class students pictured during their recent trip to St Stephen's Green on National Tree Day

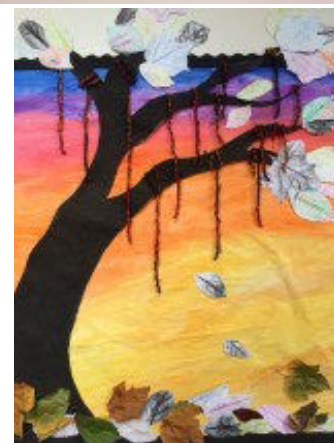
New Hurling Season Begins

Hurling has begun again this year, starting with 3rd and 4th class, and the enthusiasm amongst the children is fantastic. Coaches from St Kevin's GAA are visiting the school once per week during school PE hours, and Mr Nolan and Mr Gallagher are doing an extra weekly session with the children after school. They are very impressed with how quickly everyone is learning the skills.



Hurling training in full flight

More Art.....



School Attendance

We are happy to announce that the overall school attendance rate since the beginning of the year is 94%. This demonstrates how committed families are to getting children into school everyday. Well done to you all.

Staff News

We would like to offer a warm welcome to a number of new teachers in Scoil Treasa this year; Ms Costello in 1st class, Mr Gallagher in 3rd class, Mr Collins in 5th class and Mr Kelly in 6th class.

We are also delighted to welcome to Scoil Treasa, our new school secretary, Ms Claire Keenan, whom many of you have already met.

Parking

Anyone parking their car on the footpaths surrounding the school, particularly on the Petrie Rd side, might be at risk of getting a parking ticket (especially if your car is left for an extended period) Also, we'd like ask people to avoid parking directly in front of house entrances if at all possible.

Thank You

Sincere thanks to parents and guardians who volunteered to help out with our in-class Write to Read programme. We are looking forward to starting this important work after the mid-term break.

Thanks also to those of you who completed the Maths survey given out at the Parent/Teacher meetings. We will be in contact after mid-term in relation to providing maths support for parents.

School Re-opening

School will re-open on Monday, November 2nd at 8.50am.

In the meantime we'd like to wish you all a safe and relaxing mid-term break.