

## This Term we'll be Relaunching our St.Fintan's NS Students' Council

Hearing the voices and opinions of our super-pupils is really important to us here in St.Fintan's NS! From October, our Students' Council will meet monthly to discuss ways to make our school even better. We'll also be re-launching our Green Flag Program too.



### Traffic and Safety in Our School

Here's a reminder of some very important house-keeping rules:

- Can parents/minders/grandparents please be mindful when parking. On occasions large cars are haphazardly parked across the footpaths and doors swing dangerously open.
- Marian our Lollipop lady is here to help the children cross the road safely. Parents please remind children to ensure they walk up to Marian and cross with her. Some children are crossing at the entrance to Old Castle Avenue and this is very dangerous.
- It is extremely dangerous when cars turn into the school carpark and we would remind parents/minders to turn their car up the road at the graveyard where there are fewer cars and children.
- The carpark is for staff use only between 8.00 and 4.30 Monday to Friday. If you need to collect your child early or drop-in forgotten items, please park outside on the roadside during these hours.
- No dogs (except special needs/guide dogs) are allowed on the school grounds regardless of size. Some of the children are afraid of dogs and it can cause unnecessary upset.
- The school's disability parking spot may only be used where someone in the vehicle has an additional, special or mobility need.
- Cyclists and those scooting to / from school must dismount when inside school grounds.
- Children/parents must use designated walkway paths when entering the school / yard from the front gate.
- Child safety is paramount in St.Fintan's NS and so Gardai may be called as necessary.

### Pupil Health and Wellbeing:

Should your child be unwell, for example suffering from a flu, cold or tummy bug, please do not send them into school. We ask this to avoid the spread of germs to other pupils and to avoid the potential embarrassment for pupils of them getting sick in class.

Note also that in November, as before, we will host a Headlice Action Week. We'll have a speaker with information for parents and we'll distribute anti-headlice packs.

## New School Website for Parents On the Way!

Our school website is being completely redesigned. We are aiming to have it relaunched before midterm break. The address will be [www.stfintansns.ie](http://www.stfintansns.ie). Mainly for parents, it is hoped that the site will host lots of information about our school, our policies and procedures. It will also host our monthly newsletters (which will be sent out as Aladdin messages too.) This month we are launching the newsletter in hard-copy as it's a special occasion! Finally, of course, we hope that in time the site will also host lots of good news about the great work our pupils do in their classes.



**Keeping you up to date with everything in St.Fintan's NS!**

### St.Fintan's NS Extracurricular Activities Now Up and Running:

We are delighted to confirm that all our extracurricular activities are now up and running. Thanks to all involved in delivering the various fun and educational activities. This term we offer our pupils a fantastic program including:

- Club Gaelige
- Homework Club
- Little Stars (Performing Arts)
- Spanish
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Creative Writing
- Chess
- Irish Dancing
- School Orchestra
- Choir



*Earlier this month we were delighted to host members of the Today FM Breakfast Show crew who interviewed our 4th class pupils. The topics for discussion were: world affairs, economic issues and other em...not such high brow matters!!! Well done to all involved – it was great fun and thanks to Ian Dempsey and the gang for the shout out for St.Fintan's NS! A podcast of the show can be downloaded on the Today FM website.*



## School Football Leagues Back in Action!

Well done to our girls and boys senior football teams (and team trainers!) who have already started their progress in the Cumann na mBunscoil girls and boys leagues. The boys have had 2 wins so far and the girls had a great first match – with more

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**Mr. McNerney and Fr. Liam do the "very official handover" of the Principalship to Mr. Caulfield at our first assembly of the year!**

