

Students' Council Updates

The Student's Council have met twice now and have decided that they'd like to make some improvements to playtime. So, to get the ball rolling we're going to focus on the infant play area and give out chalks and hula hoops at big break. The Council will monitor the success of this vision and then hopefully we can roll out more fun ideas for the older pupils.

Safety in Our School

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

- The school carpark is for staff use only from 8am - 4pm daily. If you need to collect your child early or drop-in forgotten items, please park outside on the roadside during these hours. Please inform grannies and minders of this too.
- The school grounds are school-private property.
- Signs stating the above 2 points will soon be erected at the school entrances.
- St.Fintan's NS is a nut free zone. This is to protect children with allergies. Please respect this fact by not giving your child any nut containing products in their lunches. Check ingredients to be sure as necessary.
- Children may not climb on the raised flower beds or the ramp leading up to the prefab entrance. This is for safety reasons.

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



A big thank you to the parents of our 5th class pupils who helped the gang make lots of innovative, environmentally friendly and very useful cleaning products last week for European Waste Reduction Week. It was great fun too!



Both our 5th Classes will be running the annual Great St.Fintan's Cake Sale on Tuesday 18th December. There'll be more information closer to the date. All money raised will go towards Crumlin and Temple Street Children's Hospitals.

Consultation on Curriculum & School Development Plan:

This week you will receive digital invitations to take 2 very short surveys. The first will be 3 yes/no questions about an aspect of our school curriculum practice. The questions will be:

- *Does your child like handwriting?*
- *Are you happy with your child's standard of handwriting?*
- This year, were the teachers to do some focused work on improving handwriting, would you agree with this?

The second very short survey will be 3 yes/no questions to help us plan for the next phase of positive school developments. These questions will be:

- *Do you agree that upgrading the inside of the school, ceiling and roof are priorities?*
- *Do you agree that upgrading the school grounds and play area are also priorities*
- *Do you agree that the full school grounds, play area and building should be fully compliant with all child protection, health and safety requirements?*

Please do take the time to complete these 2 short surveys (they should only take at most 3 minutes each). They will remain open to complete for 7 days. We ask for one submission per family.

School Actions to Beat Head Lice

Attached to this newsletter is a one page document to help children and parents to Bust the Bugs! To facilitate parents to use this bug busting method and to check your child's hair for head lice, there'll be no homework for all pupils on December 3rd, 7th and 11th. These dates are in-line with the attached 14 days schedule for bug-busting! Also to support parents, we have our public health nurse booked to give a head-lice busting talk on January 14th in the school at 8pm.



Thanks to this group of spooky (but friendly) witches who visited our school on the last day before midterm break!

Finners are Winners!



Application Forms for Junior Infants 2019 are now available by request from the school.



Peace Proms Choir Practice in Full Swing! Our School choir will perform in the RDS Peace Proms Concert on Saturday February 2nd 2019. Rehearsals are in full swing!



Above: A selection of photos from our World's Largest Lesson celebration day. Thanks to all for supporting this special event.

