

St.Fintan's News & Stories



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Welcome back to St.Fintan's NS Everybody!

Dear Parents and Friends of St.Fintan's NS, A big welcome to our new junior infant pupils! And for the rest of us, well by now we are all well settled back into school life again - the summer holidays seem like long ago and Halloween is just around the corner! So far this term, as well as learning lots, our pupils have been involved in football leagues, athletics trials, orienteering, a trip to a bog in Kildare and 1st—6th class went on strike for climate action! Read on to find out more!

Mr.Ciarán Caulfield, Priomhoide



Announcing the "Haunting of Howth & Spooking of Sutton" Sponsored Walk - and our first ever Pumpkin Show!

On Friday 25th October, we will hold our first ever "Haunting of Howth & Spooking of Sutton" sponsored walk. As before, infants – 2nd class will walk locally and older classes will do a lap of the peninsula. However, the difference is that this time, all pupils from infants – 6th class can wear their Halloween costumes if they wish! Sponsorship cards will issue to all pupils next week.

Also, we are delighted to announce that on Wednesday 23rd October we'll be hosting a spooky pumpkin display in our hall! Pupils are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin at home and then to bring it into school on Tuesday 22nd October. The pumpkins will be put on display that afternoon / evening in the hall for all to see on Wednesday. We'll even have some (slightly!) spooky music. Any pupil who displays a decorated pumpkin will get entry to a raffle. Parents who wish to visit the display will be very welcome to do so on Wednesday before and after school – and they'll be asked to make a small contribution. More details will issue on this next week. All money raised from the above two events will go towards school improvements, with a donation also made to the Temple Street Trick or Treat party charity too.



St. Fintan's NS Strikes for Climate Action!

Last year, you may remember that all our classes did lots of great work in Term 1 on the 17 UN Goals for Sustainable Development. Goal number 13 is "Climate Action" and so, on Friday 20th September, all our pupils from 1st – 6th class joined millions of children around the world by going "on-strike". The aim was to urge authorities to do more to protect our climate and the environment. Well done to all the St. Fintan's pupils, many of whom made super, eye catching banners with great slogans! We even got to give our giant globe another outing!



Quick Dates for your Diary:

- School closed for staff training on Tuesday 15th October 2019
- Midterm Break: School closed October 28th - November 1st inclusive.
- Parent - Teacher Meetings: 13th & 14th November 2019 (more details closer to the date).

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

St.Fintan's NS Parents Association News:

- The new parents coffee morning in Aqua, Howth was a great success. Thanks to Richie Clery for hosting and to Sarah Duffy for helping out.
- The PA had a very successful meeting on 25th September. The main topic of discussion was smartphone safety. Thanks to all those who spoke and to all who came along. A subcommittee has been formed and it is hoped that a speaker for parents on this topic will be announced soon.
- PA Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at 8.30pm in the school hall. On the night, relevant procedures will be followed for the nomination/ election of parents for appointment by the Patron as Parent nominees to the Board of Management.
- Coming Soon: The annual PA Table Quiz: date and location to be announced soon. Also coming soon, the annual clothes recycling collection. So get clearing out the closets over midterm break - our collection days will be held soon afterwards!



Environmentally friendly Junk Art robot buddies from 4th Class



Work hard, be kind and amazing things will happen!