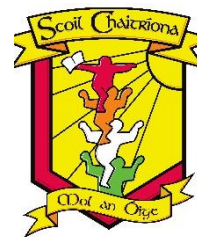


Scoil Chaitríona News!



September / October '23



Important Dates

Wed 11th Oct

Visit to the Abbey Centre

Friday 13th Oct

GOAL Jersey Day

Flu Vaccine in School

Mon 16th / 23rd Oct

Dance Fit (Parents)

Tuesday 24th Oct

Photographer in

Sunday 5th May

Confirmation 11am



Dear Parents

A warm welcome to all our families, particularly those who are new to our school community. Your children have all settled into school life so well and you can feel very proud of them. It's a joy to see the children happily skipping through our gates each morning. Below you can find some news about our first month back and what to expect for October.

School Activities

Station teaching for Literacy is on the go in Mr. Carr and Mr. Bracken's classrooms while Math stations are in full swing in Ms. O'Reilly's Room. Children are currently working on their entries for the Allingham Art and Writing competitions.

Mr. Kelly's after school football training is up and running each Wednesday giving our senior classes a chance to hone their sporting and teamwork. Our Cycle Bus has had a delayed start due to the poor weather but we hope to get up and running next week.

The Infant classes have a Science Exhibition to look forward to on Tuesday 3rd with a visiting TY class from Coláiste Cholmcille.

On Wednesday 11th we will be visiting the Abbey Centre to watch a movie as part of Wainfest (Art & Book Festival). *School will cover the cost of this visit.*

We will celebrate Maths Week Mid October with a schedule of fun games and challenges.

The children are already eagerly looking forward to Halloween Week with our usual spooky dress up, games and Table Quiz.

Flu Vaccine

Maguire's Pharmacy are offering a free flu vaccine (Nasal Spray) to all children in the local primary schools. This is completely optional and your child will not be vaccinated if you opt not to fill in the information forms which went home last week. **Senior Infants would have received a different form as their vaccine is being offered by the HSE.*



Dance Fit

Anita is organising an exciting new class for parents for October and November. Dance Fit classes will begin on Monday 16th and 23rd of October at 11:15 in our school hall. Two more classes will continue after Mid Term Break on Monday 6th and Monday 13th of November. Classes should last no longer than 45 minutes and people of all fitness levels are welcome. There has been great interest so far. If these classes appeal to you, do register your interest here:

<https://forms.gle/CJjXtaHGcw6M31Zk9>

Confirmation Date

Our Sixth Class Confirmandi will celebrate their big day on the 5th of May at 11am in St Patrick's Church. There has been no date decided yet for First Holy Communion. I will keep you all posted as I learn more.

Attendance

Our children have gotten off to a wonderful start this September. Our attendance levels for September are the highest they've been for 4 years. Keep up the good work! A reminder that all absences should be explained with a note in your child's school diary and that class begins each morning at 9.20 am. After this time your child will be marked down as late.

Attendance for September

Month	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023	2023 / 2024
September	87.5%	83.7%	87.6%	92.7%

A peek behind the classroom door...

Our classrooms have been hives of activities since the return to school. A reminder that each class teacher has a section on our school website which can keep you up to date on some of the activities taking place each week.

Ms. O Reilly has a great selection of posts and photographs of a very busy and productive Junior Room. Mr Carr and Mr Bracken have photos of nice art projects and some fun outdoor play while Mr Kelly's interesting flax growing project also features.



[Ms O Reilly's](#)



[Mr Carr's](#)



[Mr Bracken's](#)



[Mr Kelly's](#)

