

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



October

Autumn Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians & Children,
We hope this newsletter finds you all well. All of the children have settled back into the school day and we welcome all the new junior infants and their families and also the new students who have joined Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd classes at St. Philip the Apostle this term too. Welcome All.



Hallowe'en Activities

We look forward to staging our **Annual Hallowe'en Dance-athon** for all our classes. This is a very important fundraiser for our school and we appreciate your support. This year we are fundraising for new paving for our small playground. Children have their sponsorship cards for fundraising. Please ensure children do not go door to door for collections. The Hallowe'en Dance-athon is on Friday 27th October and we encourage children to dress up in their **Hallowe'en Costumes** on the day too.



Pumpkin Carving for Halloween

Calling all families !!!! You are challenged to carve a pumpkin for display in the small garden in the school. We are always blown away by the creativity of those who enter.

TIGERS

A big welcome to Tigers childcare who are a great addition to the campus. Enquiries to info@tigerschildcare.com or O86 0104956

Hallowe'en Safety

Halloween is a time of great fun but we ask all our boys and girls to be aware of the danger of bonfires and also to take care on the streets while trick-or-treating. Halloween can be a very scary time for elderly people living alone and also for our pets. Dogs can become very distressed and fearful when they hear noisy fireworks and bangers. Keep dogs inside where they will be safe. Please see the following website for staying safe at Halloween.

<https://www.redcross.ie/blog/2012/10/four-top-halloween-safety-tips-from-the-irish-red-cross/>



2nd Class Assembly Tuesday 24th October 2023

Our first assembly this year is the Hallowe'en-themed Second Class Assembly which will take place on Tuesday 24th October at 11.15 a.m. in the school hall. All parents and guardians of the Second Class children are very welcome to attend.

We look forward to all the Class Group Assemblies this coming year and will keep you updated on their dates.



School Activities

There are a wide range of activities and projects underway in the school. We will continue to update you on these via our Newsletters, Aladdin Connect & school website www.stphilipsjns.ie

Ballet

Our Junior Infants are doing brilliantly settling into school. Every Wednesday, our Junior Infants are taking part in Ballet Lessons with our visiting teacher Ms. Clare Connolly of Clare Connolly Dance and Ballet School (www.clareconnollydance.com). Next term she will be with our Senior Infant classes.

Ukulele

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Sheilagh Fox, our visiting ukulele teacher back with us as part of our Musical Mondays. Sheilagh has been teaching our First Classes Ukulele this half-term and next term she will be with our 2nd classes.

Yoga

We would like to welcome Nicole to St. Philip the Apostle JNS. The 2nd classes have been relaxing and meditating with the wonderful commencement of Yoga Classes. Junior infants will be commencing yoga next term.

GAA

Senior Infants have been training with our local GPO from St. Peregrines. We would like to thank Nicole for bringing her GAA skills to the boys and girls and wish her well in her new role. A new GPO will be appointed soon. 1st class will be commencing GAA next term.



After-School Activities

Don't forget to get involved with local clubs too:

Mountview Boys & Girls Football Club

St. Peregrines GAA Club

Clare Connolly Dance & Ballet School

<https://mfcysb.ie/community-groups/>



Confession & Communion Dates

First Confessions will take place on the 14th March and First

Communion will take place on 18th May 2024.

All Sacrament queries should be directed to the Church who will be happy to answer any queries.

School Policies

A number of School Policies have been updated on our school website. The BOM would like you to make yourself familiar with these policies. We will continue to add to the Policy Tab as policies are reviewed, updated and ratified. The Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and information notices with regard to the Child Protection Designated Liaison Person (Mrs. Molloy) and the Child Protection Deputy Liaison Person (Ms. O Sullivan) are displayed in the school reception area and have been posted on the school website. The checklist for the Annual review of the anti-bullying policy has been completed. All feedback is welcome.



Enrolment for Junior Infants 2024

St. Philip's J.N.S. invite parents/guardians to make an application for incoming Junior Infants - September 2024. Enrolment will open on Monday 6th November by completing an enrolment form online on our website www.stphlipsjns.ie. The 2024/2025 Application Form can be found under the Admissions Tab.

A Birth Certificate or Passport (to confirm date of birth) and Latest Gas/Electric bill with name and address visible on page must be uploaded to complete application.



Frása na Seachtaine (Phrase of the Week)

Oíche Shamhna Shona Duit! (Happy Halloween!)

Bob nó bia! (Trick or treat!)

Wishing you all happy and peaceful Halloween mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 6th November. With every good wish: Ruth Molloy & Gráinne O' Sullivan