



St Oliver's N.S. Halloween Newsletter

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Attendance
91.6%

School Motto

Grow, Learn and Achieve.

Halloween Mid-Term break

- Closing Friday 22nd October.
- Re-opening Monday 1st November.

Reminders

- "All for Amelia" Purple Day 15th October.
- Halloween Dress up 22nd October.
- If you would like to speak to a teacher please make an appointment by either sending a note or phoning our reception on 041 9804578.
- Everyday counts. Please ensure your child comes to school everyday unless they are feeling unwell. If they are unwell, on their return to school please send a note on Aladdin Connect to explain their absence.

Staff Car park

Reminder that the Staff Car park is ONLY for Staff. **DO NOT** block the entrance to the Staff Car park as the emergency services need to gain access to the back of the school.

Our School's approach to help prevent the spread of Covid-19

- There is supervision by teachers from 8.30 each morning to ensure all precautions are in place for students entering the school.
- Sanitiser dispensers at all entrance doors to the school. All pupils must sanitise their hands on entrance to school.
- Hand sanitisers in all classrooms.
- The yard is divided so pupils only play with their own class/Bubble.

Clever Clogs

Just a reminder that Clever Clogs Creche is open full time for the Halloween Break.

They are also holding a Halloween Camp!

- Tuesday 26th–Friday 29th October.
- 10am - 1pm.
- Arts & crafts, treasure hunt, play dough making, Halloween games, baking and fancy dress party.

Contact Kerrie for more information: 086 0383903



All the staff at St. Oliver's National School would like to welcome all our students back for the new academic year!

All the classes have been busy since starting back and if you look to our News talk section each class group has wrote a piece.

Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for any new updates.

REMINDER: WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not give your children any sort of nuts or nut butters for their lunch.

Thank you



Road Safety

- There is a drive in, drop and move on system in place. This needs to be efficient so that there are no tail backs.
- Children should exit the car on the left hand side for their own safety.
- There is a pedestrian light and a lollipop person there to help children cross the road safely. Even if an adult is crossing with the child, please use the pedestrian crossing as it models for the children how to cross the road safely.
- Parents/children should use the pedestrian gate when exiting the main entrance.
- Please do not exit at the staff car park entrance.

Erasmus+

St. Oliver's N.S. has secured funding to take part in the Erasmus+ programme. Later this year, a number of staff will participate in a staff mobility project. This provides an opportunity to spend a short period in another institution, learn a new culture and share expertise with colleagues overseas.

When to keep your child at home and phone your GP:

Do not send your child to school if any of the following is true:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more.
- Any other common symptoms of Coronavirus a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or a runny nose.

News talk; *What we've been getting up to this term!*



Food Dudes

The students have been taking part in a programme called Food Dudes which encourages children to try different fruit and vegetables.

We got sent fresh fruit and vegetables daily and each student got a pack of each to try.

"All for Amelia" Purple Day

We are completely overwhelmed with the fantastic response from all families to our "All For Amelia" Purple Day. We managed to raise €3,165 for Amelia and had a truly magnificent day. Amelia stole the show.

Many thanks for your generosity.

We had a fantastic Banner, made by G&M Print, and cupcakes made for all the staff by Ger's Goodies.

Ms Durnin's Junior Infants

Ms Durnin's Junior Infants have all settled in really well. We have been learning all about Autumn. We have collected a large amount of Autumn leaves, chestnuts, acorns, twigs and even pumpkins on our nature walk! In Aistear we are making hibernation boxes for our hedgehogs. Our witches' kitchen is where you will find us busy making potions and casting spells from our big book of spells. Our fine motor skills are getting stronger each day along with our pencil grip. We also enjoyed our 2D shape hunt around the school yard. What a great first term!

Mrs Mooney's Junior Infants

We have settled in really well to our new school and classroom. We have made new friends and have learned so many new things! We have been focusing on our fine motor skills, working at our table groups, sorting and grouping, and reading our big books. We have enjoyed our different Aistear themes - 'Me, Myself and my Home', 'Autumn' and 'Halloween'. We are so excited for Halloween and dressing up!!

Ms O'Connor's Senior Infants

Senior Infants have been very busy since the start of the year. We are working hard on our sounds and tricky words. We are enjoying using hands on materials for Maths. We are having lots of fun during Aistear, especially in the role play area. Our themes of School and Halloween have been lots of fun. Happy Halloween everyone!

Mr McKenna's Senior Infants

Senior Infants have settled back into school really well and have worked very hard since the beginning of term. We did some lovely art about Autumn and Halloween.

We have learned some fun rhymes and we are making great progress with our reading and writing. We have really enjoyed our Aistear activities and we had some great fun this week for Maths Week. We loved dressing up for Amelia's Purple Day and for Halloween!

Ms Farrell's First Class

Ms. Farrell's First Class have had a fantastic start to the year. We have made lovely art to display around our classroom. We have learned lots of new phrases as Gaelige, and have practised greeting others with 'Maidin mhaith' each morning. We are currently exploring our emotions, and take time each morning to discuss how we are feeling. Finally, we have had a blast dancing to some of the children's favourite tunes on Spotify - a great way to end the day! Well done everyone and have a happy and safe Halloween!

Mr McQuillan's First Class

The boys and girls in Mr. McQuillan's 1st Class have been very busy since returning to school! We have been working extremely hard on our reading, writing, Gaelige and Maths. For SESE we have been learning all about magnets, the life cycle of trees and transport in the past, We made paper aeroplanes and had a competition flying them across the classroom! We began our KiVa lessons and have been learning about friendship and emotions. Finally, we did some spooky Halloween art and had a great day for Amelia's Purple Day! Well done everyone and have a great and safe Halloween!



Ms McVeigh's Second Class

We have been very busy in Ms McVeigh's 2nd Class! We have been learning about Autumn changes, trees in Ireland, operations in maths and Halloween traditions. We began our KiVa lessons and have been learning about friendship and emotions. We all had a great day for Purple Day for our friend and classmate Amelia! We wrote Halloween narratives and made some spooky Halloween art too. We can't wait to dress up for Halloween! We hope you all have a safe and spooktacular Halloween break!

Ms Boylan's Second Class

It has certainly been a busy first term! I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know each and every student. We have made big progress in our English writing skills, our listening skills and our reading skills. We worked so hard at our maths too and we really enjoyed maths week. We completed maths trails and played lots of maths games. We learned all about Roald Dahl and sketched his portrait. We also learned about school in the past, Drogheda then and now, Autumn, animals that hibernate and migrate and Halloween traditions. Have a lovely break and I will see you all on November 1st. Happy Halloween and stay safe!

Our Senior Classes:

Ms McQuillan's Third Class

Since returning to school, the boys and girls in 3rd class have shown a great attitude towards their learning. Their effort in English, Maths and Gaeilge has been superb! We had great fun on the Chromebooks, completing quizzes using Kahoot and playing Mathletics as a fun way to practice our maths skills. We also designed our very own Halloween monsters and brought them to life using clay! As part of Maths Week 2021, we took part in the Maths Week Mini Quiz via Zoom. During this, we used our excellent team work skills to solve maths problems as a class. Well done everyone, it has been a fantastic start to the year. Happy Halloween!!

Mr McDonnell's Third Class

Mr McDonnell's 3rd class have settled into the new school year very well and have done amazing work so far this term. The boys and girls have been working hard in Maths, English and Gaeilge! We have been very busy learning all about the history of Halloween and Halloween traditions in the past few weeks and have created lots of Halloween art to decorate our room. We have also had a great time using the Chromebooks this term and had great fun completing online quizzes on Kahoot and playing maths games on these. We recently had a fantastic time for Amelia's Purple Day! Happy Halloween!

Ms Lynch's Fourth Class

Ms. Lynch's 4th class have had a very busy and productive half term after settling in very well after the Summer holidays. We are working hard at Irish and the children can now tell all about themselves and their families as Gaeilge! We have been learning about different types of bridges. We looked at photos of famous bridges and drew our own bridge designs. We have done lots of painting, practicing blending of colours for spooky Halloween scenes. We held a 'Design a Pumpkin' competition and are looking forward to seeing the fabulous costumes for dress up day!

Ms Flanagan's Fourth Class

Mrs Flanagan's Class are working very hard and have settled into 4th Class very nicely. They are a bunch of very talented artists and have enjoyed creating lots of wonderful art from Optical Illusion Art to Spooky Trees using a Crepe Paper Painting technique. The children have also really enjoyed exploring Drama this term. They role played various strategies to help them resolve conflicts and devised freeze frame scenes set in Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. All in all it has been a very productive term so far and we look forward to more creativity and exploration over the coming months.

Ms Dowd's Fifth Class

Ms. Dowd's 5th class have been super busy since returning to school in September. We've been learning all about World War 1 and The Ancient Romans, which has been great fun!

We were lucky to be chosen to be a part of the Leanbh Children's Festival this year, and had the privilege of having Kieran come and teach us some body percussion routines! We had great fun, and learned a lot about the different sounds our body can make!

Happy Halloween to everyone, we'll see you all next term!

Mr Brady's Fifth Class

Mr Brady's 5th class have settled in quite well and have been working hard since the summer holidays. 5th class are enjoying GAA training every Thursday with Euan from Louth GAA. We are particularly enjoying our SESE lessons, during which we've learned all about topics such as World War 1, Ancient Rome and Italy. We are developing our mental maths each day through games such as 'Table Toppers' and 'BUZZ', and we enjoy cheering on the 'Table Toppers' finalists each Friday! We look forward to our 'Weaving Wellbeing' lessons with Ms Timmons every Monday afternoon. So far we have learned about respect, empathy and forgiveness. We look forward to continuing the 'Weaving Wellbeing' programme when we come back to school. We are very excited for our midterm break, but most of all the trick or treating! Happy Halloween to all!

Mr Keogh's Sixth Class

Mr. Keogh's sixth class has been a hive of activity in the past few weeks. We are currently working on creating a Narrative story with extensive preparation on plot, characters and setting. We have also been learning about topics such as 'Native America' and 'The Respiratory System' in SESE. The class are working hard to develop their oral language skills in Irish and there has been good progress made in Maths.

Ms McCreesh's Sixth Class

Sixth class have had a busy term so far. For our project work in September, the pupils studied the economy, history, geography, arts and culture of Drogheda in comparison with Limerick. They worked in groups to research their topics and create PowerPoints which they then presented to the class. This month they worked on creating posters to teach each other about Native American tribes and presented these to the class. For music, they learned songs by The Saw Doctors and The Dubliners which they performed with great enthusiasm.

They learned about the Austrian artist and architect, Friedrich Hundertwasser and his vision of a world where people are more at one with nature before creating their own amazing pieces inspired by him. For S.P.H.E. we have been studying the Weaving Wellbeing programme and learning how to improve our mental health by having more empowering beliefs and applying these to our everyday lives. We have begun our class novel 'Wonder' by AJ Palacio which we look forward to continuing after the midterm break.

For Maths week, pupils have been carrying out lots of practical activities and created a trail for the junior classes to try out. The boys and girls have embraced the competition for best line in the yard and I have no doubt with their amazing team work that they are sure to win a pizza party before the year is out! hope you all have a enjoyable and relaxing mid-term.

The Student Council

The newly elected Students 'Council was formed on October 15th. The council will be working hard this year to make our school a happier, better, safe place for everyone to learn and to do their best with the help of Ms Tiernan Bell, Ms Kellett and all the teachers. Every month the council will meet, to plan activities, organise fund raising and talk about what new ideas we have to make our school the best. The council recently judged the Halloween colouring competition and gave out the prizes. The council members are Shauna Rice, Brandon McFee, Rose McKenna, Arnas Kiznis, Abdul Abdalla Kharief, Róise Ni Ghabhann, Anna Mai Hand, Max McCullough French, Harry Johnson, Alanna Duffy, Fionn Hayes, Ava Hanratty, Sean McGee, Gabriella Meki Daly, Joshua Judge, Estha Jaison.