



# MID - TERM NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a busy first half-term at St Vincent de Paul Girls' School! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> class girls have settled in really well. We were all delighted to welcome parents and grandparents to our open morning on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Well done to all our pupils (2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>) on such a positive approach to new learning - keep up the great work! Maith sibh ☺ Thank you to our committed and dedicated staff for facilitating such engaging, varied and enjoyable learning experiences for the girls. Thanks to our parents for your ongoing support. We hope you enjoy this Newsletter, which captures just a snapshot of school life. On behalf of all the staff we wish you an enjoyable and restful midterm break.

*Alison Clinton*

## Ethos



Our school celebrated the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. Fr Tom celebrated a new school year Mass with pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class in St Vincent de Paul Church on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Sport/PE

Well done to our GAA team on their recent league. We look forward to future school team sports over the coming months. Reminder: appropriate sports footwear is required on GAA and PE days.

## School Library

Over 200 new titles have been added to our school library this month! This is all down to the wonderful support for our Book Sale and Book Fair last year. Huge thanks to all the staff, parents and students who made this happen. Thanks to Ms. Edwards and Ms. Rogers and all the parent volunteers who keep our school library going, always a great buzz in the school on library mornings ☺

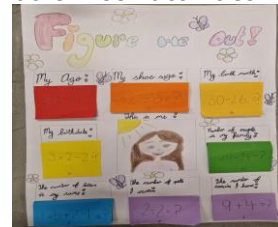


## Athletics

The Brother Cross Country Championships took place on October 4<sup>th</sup>, with representation from 30 girls from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class. We are so proud of the individual and team achievements on the day, and our school winning the Best Overall Primary School title for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row! Huge congratulations to all. Thanks to Mr. McElwain for organising this event.

## Maths Week

The girls enjoyed various competitions, activities, quizzes and Maths trails for Maths Week. 2<sup>nd</sup> classes had great fun celebrating Maths Week in Scoil Mhuire. They learned how to play Monopoly with the help of 6<sup>th</sup> class buddies. They got to practise their money skills and had a fantastic time! Ms Leddy's 5<sup>th</sup> Class had lots of fun during Maths Week making "Figure Me Out" posters and working out the "Problem of the Day". Thanks to our Maths Team, Ms McElwee, Ms Kearns and Ms Rogers for organising Maths Week activities.



## Science

2<sup>nd</sup> class R. 16 had lots of fun in Science! Our Science experiment had a Halloween twist!! The girls mummified apples!



## Pumpkin Design



What amazing creativity and talent on display with our annual pumpkin design. Thanks to all the girls for sharing their brilliant creations and thanks to Ms. Fletcher for organising this event!



## Green Schools

We have had our first Green Schools meeting and welcomed all of the new 2nd Class Representatives. Our school took part in Walk to School Week. We held a contest for the class with the most sustainable travel. We had three winners: Room 12, Room 16 and Room 21. Each winner got a plaque for their class and a homework pass. We did a big school walk to finish off Walk to School Week on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success. We look forward to our next meeting after the midterm break. HAPPY HALLOWEEN! By Chloe. F and Holly. C (R. 21, Mr. McElwain).



## 6<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Buddy Time

2nd and 6th classes have had a great time getting to know each other. They have learned new playground games, gone on nature walks and Maths trails!



## Reminders to Students

- PE tracksuit on PE days and GAA days, full uniform on other days (appropriate footwear and jackets)
- Stay safe at Halloween and Have Fun 😊

## Student Council

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for the Student Council. We look forward to working with the new representatives from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class this year. Thanks to Ms. Woods & Ms. Costello for leading this in our school. Thank you to the outgoing committee for the valuable contributions last year 😊

Thank you to Scoil Mhuire for inviting our Student Council to participate in the 'Escape Room' challenge. Our representatives from 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class rose to the challenge and cracked the code - Well done girls!



## Upcoming Events

### Board of Management Parent Nominee - Election

School Hall November 13<sup>th</sup>

### Parent – Teacher Meetings

Parent – Teacher meetings (in person) will take place week beginning Nov 20<sup>th</sup> (Tues 21<sup>st</sup> & Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>). Appointment times will be made available via Aladdin Connect after mid-term break

### Parents' Association

The PA held their AGM on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the invited guest speaker, Anne Marie Boyhan of The Sleep-care Company for an insightful talk on developing positive sleep and nutrition habits.

A massive thank you to outgoing PA chairperson Eve O'Donnell for her passion, dedication and hard work.

**Mid-term break** School closes Friday October 27<sup>th</sup> and re-opens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November