**October Newsletter**

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| * Congratulations to last year’s 6th class who made their **Confirmation** in St. Colmcille’s Church, Ballinahown on Saturday, October 16th. * The school garden looked very ***spooktacular*** this week! Thanks to all boys and girls for bringing in all the expertly carved pumpkins and decorations. Well done to Ms. Moran’s class for making the scarecrow!   C:\Users\Acer 3\Desktop\Halloween pics\74109363-3DF5-425E-9E9F-AFEF928293FA.jpeg   * Well done to all the pupils on their work during **Maths Week 2021**, which took place between October 18th and 22nd. Girls and boys enjoyed lots of fun games, stations, maths trails and riddles and much more! * **Halloween dress up** day brought great excitement to our school! All pupils looked really well in their costumes and home clothes. * **Gaelic Football** and **rugby** is going well. Pupils from 1st to 6th have been enjoying them for the last month. Pupils are encouraged to wear gum shields to the Gaelic football each week with Mr. Guinan. * **School uniforms** are looking very well this school year. Pupils are reminded to wear full uniform except for school tracksuit on PE/ football days. * **Music Generation** will visit the school weekly after the midterm break. We look forward to welcoming. Zoe, the music teacher, who will teach music to all classes. * The school has linked in with **Team Hope** for this year’s **Shoebox Appeal**. An information leaflet went home this week. If participating, please bring in shoebox by Friday, November 5th. * **Covid Learning and Support Scheme (CLASS)** - We have been granted 93hrs 45mins teaching time under the CLASS initiative. Mr. Coughlan will fulfil these hours over November and December. The time will be used to facilitate literacy and well-being programmes in the school. | * The school’s **Sensory Space** will be ready for use after the midterm break. Pupils who need a sensory break during the school day will benefit from this area. * The school will hold a **Clothes Collection** on Thursday, November 25th. This proved to be a great fundraiser last year. Please spread the word to family and friends! * The Board of Management undertook the annual review of the school’s **Child Safeguarding Statement** at the BOM meeting on Monday, October 18th. Please find the BOM’s notification of review below. * **Well- Being** – 4th, 5th and 6th class groups will complete well-being programmes after midterm. Information will be sent home prior to commencement. * The County U-13 Boys’ Football and Hurling trophies won by Ferbane visited the school last week. **Well done to our 6th class pupils** who were involved on the panels.   C:\Users\Acer 3\Downloads\IMG_20211015_103051.jpg   * The road outside the school is busy, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant** at these times and ensuring the safety of all. * **Parent/ Teacher Meetings** will take place in November. We will contact families with details after the midterm break. * School closes for midterm break today **Friday, October 22nd and will reopen on Monday, November 1st**. |

***The BOM and staff would like to wish all pupils and their families a safe and enjoyable Halloween break.***

