

# Halloween Special

ST. BRIGID'S

## Spooky October News!



### SPOOKTACULAR

This year's Spooktacular Day will take place on Thursday 24th October. We would appreciate it if your child/children could come to school dressed up for a day of fun activities. There will be spot prizes for the best dressed but please don't feel obliged to buy a costume- we've found that sometimes the best costumes are "the home made" ones!

This year we are also running a Pumpkin Competition. Children and their families can design and carve out pumpkins and the best ones will win prizes.

Entries can be brought into school the week starting 22nd October and the winners will be announced on our Spooktacular Day. Please note all

Pumpkins must be brought home by Friday 25th October.



### Halloween Holidays

Halloween Holidays will run from Mon 28th to Fri 1st Nov with children and staff returning to school on Monday 4th November. Enjoy the break and remember to be careful near bonfires and fireworks!

#### October 2019

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Pupil Days: 19

#### November 2019

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### Parent Teacher Meetings

These will be held in school on Friday 25th of October 2019. A timetable will follow shortly with times for meeting your child's class teacher. **The 25th is a half day for children so please arrange collection for 11.00am.**

### Dates for your Diary

Sunday 1st March 2020-Confirmation in Immaculate Conception Church Ballygawley at 11:30am.  
Saturday 25th April 2020 First Holy Communion in St Mary's Church Dunmoyle at 11am.

## Dinner and Milk Money

Dinner is **£2.60 per day**. Money is collected on a Monday by Julianne. This job is made much easier if the correct change is given in an envelope marked with the pupil's names and what the money is for.



## Child Protection Policy

The school's child protection policy is currently being reviewed and we are asking for input from all stakeholders, including parents. A copy will be emailed to parents this week, and I ask everyone to reply stating that they received a copy. Alternatively, it is on our website, or, if you want a paper copy please contact the school directly.

## Attendance

The School's Attendance for September was 97%. Remember that if your child is unable to attend school, you are to make contact with the school in the morning and send a note in with the child when they return.

## Uniforms

A huge thank you to all families on your continued efforts to maintain children's presentation. The standard of uniform has been exemplary to date. Please ensure that all items of clothing (uniform, PE, coats etc) are correctly labelled to ensure no items get lost.

## School Photographer

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday 4th November to take whole school and class group photos. If you would like a family photograph then please arrange for the siblings to be in school for 9:30am.



## Toys For 2 O' Clock Club

The two o'clock club are collecting toys to use during their planned activities. They are hoping for good quality, educational toys—jigsaws, Lego, construction toys, board games, art activities, books, dominos, connect 4 etc. We're hoping that after Christmas you may have some old toys that are no longer used but are in excellent condition. If so, please check all pieces are intact and send them in to 2 O' Clock club.



## School Mass

Our Term 1 School mass will be in St. Mary's Church Dunmoyle on Wednesday 16th October at 10am. You are all invited back to school for a cup of tea and a chat. We hope to see lots of families, grandparents and members of our community there.

## How to contact a Teacher

The partnership between you, the parents, and teachers is vital for your child's education. Please take any opportunity available to speak to the teacher about your child's progress. The best time to reach teachers and the principal is before 9.15am and after 3.15pm and we will try our utmost to accommodate your needs. Or, ring the office to make an appointment.



# Library visit



The Library van will be in school on Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 15th October. The service is open to members of the local community so please encourage others to come along and use this vital service at the Community Centre at 11am.



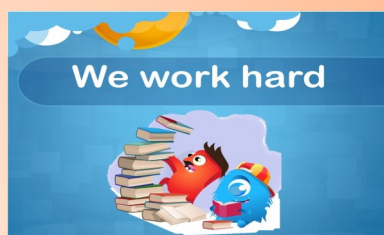
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## 2 O'Clock Club

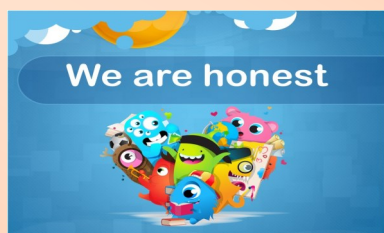
2 O' Clock Club: Primary 1 and 2 children can participate in planned activities from 2pm -3.15 with Julianne. The 2 O'Clock club costs £2 per day. Money is collected on a Monday. We ask that you commit to using this club for 5 days per week.

## Reward System

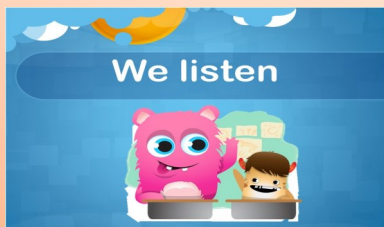
Recently we decided to implement a new positive behaviour system at school. Children earn tickets for showing great behaviours. If your ticket is picked from the box at assembly you get to select a prize! The prizes range from colouring gel pens to homework passes to having tea in the staff room! So get busy earning tickets-the more tickets you earn-the higher the chance of you winning a prize! Good luck!



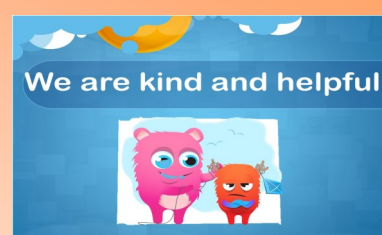
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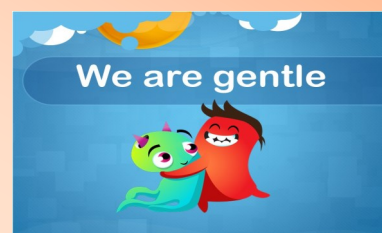
We are honest



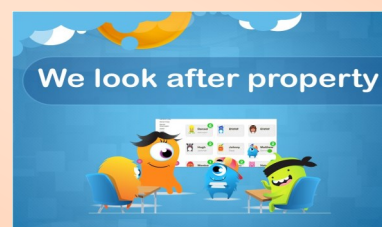
We listen



We are kind and helpful



We are gentle



We look after property

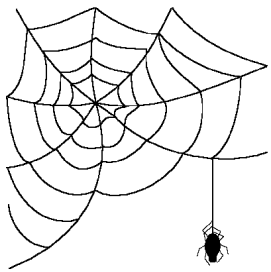


## Playground Pals and Student Council



St Brigid's Student Councils are one of many opportunities given to our students to have a voice within the school. They are also great opportunities for children to learn the skills of leadership during their time with us. Leadership skills help students to become confident and responsible learners and give students the opportunity to make a difference. Specific skills that are developed from being a member of the student councils are; working as team, resourcefulness, the ability to prioritise tasks, confidence building and communication skills. If you think you've got what it takes to be on either our Student Council then get canvassing!

Nomination speeches and elections are on 18th October. Good luck!



## School Nurse

Flu vaccine forms were distributed last week. The school nurse is due in on 5th November to administer this vaccine. More details to follow.

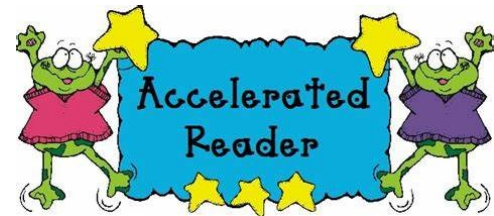


## Coats

Please remember to bring your coats from now on as the colder weather creeps in.

## School Phone

If you have not received any of the school Whatsapp Broadcasts please contact the school immediately. Unfortunately due to poor network coverage, any messages sent to the school mobile will not be received during school hours- The best way to get a message to school is to ring the school office.



### Accelerated Reader

P3-7 have been working on Accelerated Reader. Their teacher has set targets for them and they will be working towards achieving these targets during ICT and reading lessons at school. Ask your child what books they are reading and encourage them to keep a log/record.

## Young Enterprise Graduates 2019



Congratulations to our P1-4 Young Enterprise Graduates. They completed a 3 week course with Sandra. Our topic was "Our Families". We learned about different types of families as well as needs and wants. This was a fun filled project with free resources, work-books and stickers.