

# Sonas

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## Halloween 2024 Newsletter

### Introduction

As we approach the midterm break, it is wonderful to see how well all of the children have transitioned into the new school year. They are engaged and happy and really enjoying their time in school. We had 20 new children starting in the school this year and they have all settled happily into school life which is great to see. All of the Student Support Plan meetings have taken place and hard copies of these will be sent home before the October break. Two copies will be sent home so if parents can sign both, keep one copy for their own records and return the other signed copy to the school that would be appreciated. School leaver assessments have commenced also. The school is all decorated for Halloween and next Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> all children are invited to come in, in their Halloween costumes if they wish. There are a lot of sensory and fun activities planned.

### Board of Management

The last Board of Management meeting took place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and the next Board of Management meeting will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We welcome our two new parent representatives to the Board – Cliona Crowley and Damien O'Neil and thank all those who kindly came forward for election your support is appreciated.

### School Bus

The school bus has been such a great asset to us this term and has enabled the children from all classes to make many and varied social training trips.

### Winter Illnesses

There has been a case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in the school and also the NoVo virus, we ask all parents to be extra vigilant and if any child is displaying symptoms of vomiting, high temperature or diarrhoea that they be kept home for 48 hours to prevent an outbreak in the school.

### News from the Classes

#### **Blue Class**

We had a busy month in Blue Class. We had our first bus trip out to Ballinspittle playground. We celebrated Liam's 5th birthday with a cake and party. Our art board is decorated with pumpkins, trees, hedgehogs and ghosts. We are all looking forward to wearing costumes for our Halloween party before midterm.

#### **Purple Class**

Purple Class are enjoying Autumn and Halloween activities this month! We have been collecting Autumn leaves and noticing the lovely colours as they change from green to red yellow and brown. We used the leaves to make Autumn art and also in our circle time to accompany our song Autumn leaves are Falling Down. The boys love the leaves being thrown up in the air and watching them fall to the ground! We have started our Halloween celebration in school, painting pumpkins, learning our Halloween songs and exploring new Halloween vocabulary. We have had a happy busy month!

#### **Green Class**

October is a busy month in Green Class. We're doing lots

of Autumn and Halloween themed activities. We're going on our first bus trip of the school year. We're going to be playing fun Halloween games. We're also looking forward to dressing up on the last day of school before the midterm. Hope everyone has a lovely midterm. Happy Halloween!



#### **Yellow Class**

Yellow Class are really enjoying October so far. We are learning all about Autumn. We went on a short walk and collected lovely yellow and red coloured leaves. We used crayons to make imprints of them. We are really looking forward to Halloween and are making lots of Halloween art. We have been listening to Halloween songs about pumpkins, ghosts and goblins. We are getting excited about getting dressed up next week.

#### **Orange Class**

We have been enjoying lots of fun sensory play in Orange class. We have also been reading lots of fun Halloween stories and creating some very spooky Halloween art and crafts. We went on our first class trip to Kidszone play center. The children all appeared to have a great fun and the big slide was a huge hit. We're looking forward to lots more Halloween fun over the next week.

#### **Silver Class**

Silver Class have been doing lots of preparation for spooky season. We baked ghost cookies and scary monster muffins. We went on our first outing to Ballincollig. We have been loving our Halloween sensory trays and singing our Halloween songs for circle time.

#### **Gold Class**

Gold class have been very busy this month. Our theme for this month is

Autumn/Halloween. We collected leaves on our walk and made trees with them. We decorated some muffins with icing sugar and sprinkles. We also went to little rascals play area on the bus and we all had lots of fun . Hope everyone has a lovely time off for Halloween 😊

#### **Pink Class**

Pink class have had a busy few weeks. We have had lots of fun in the soft room and the playroom. We have enjoyed dancing to our songs and singing Old Macdonald and floating cloud. We have been busy painting and exploring lots of sensory play. For art we have made rainbows and painted acorns. We look forward to making all our Halloween art.

#### **Tesco Mahon Point**

At the moment Tesco in Mahon Point have one of their blue disc collection points assigned to Sonas so if anybody is doing their shopping there please support us!

#### **Parents Coffee Morning**

We had a very sociable Sonas Parents Coffee Morning at the start of the year and tomorrow we invite parents to another coffee morning in a hope of restarting a Sonas Parents Association.

#### **Cork Pops**

On the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> of November some of the older children will be attending Cork Pops in the City Hall.

#### **Funderland**

We received a kind invitation from the Funderland Team to attend between 11am and 1pm on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October. A number of children will attend this depending on their interests.

#### **Nut Free School**

A gentle reminder to all parents that this is a nut free school as a child has a severe allergy to same so please ensure that you do not send in any snacks/treats for your child that contains nuts. Thank you

#### **School Closures**

The school will be closed for the Halloween midterm from October 25<sup>th</sup> until it re-opens again on November 4<sup>th</sup> .

Wishing you all a lovely mid-term break.

Kind regards,  
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