



er 2018 Newsletter

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NEW SCHOOL YEAR



Congratulations to all our pupils & staff on completing our first term of the new school year. A special word of welcome to our 23 new Junior Infants, who have settled in very well to the routine of school.

Their teacher, Mrs. O'Connor, is delighted with their progress.



Playground Fundraiser

As you are all aware, we installed a new concrete play area at the back of the school over the summer thanks to the wonderful fundraising carried out by our Parents' Association in conjunction with the Board of

Management. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who contributed to this fundraiser.

We are now in the final stages of this project. The names for the plaque are being collated and finalised. The plants and shrubs will be ordered in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to working with Colin Cooney in creating our new memory garden at the side of the school. Some children from each class will be helping Colin with the planting of this very special area. Mrs. Purcell and the Green School Committee will be co-ordinating the remaining planting that will be carried out in the school grounds. Children from all the classes will get on opportunity to take part in this planting.

In the Spring time, we will have an unveiling ceremony of both the plaque and the memory garden. More details on this will follow.

THEMED WEEKS



Friendship Fortnight was held from 1st-12th October. All the children celebrated the gift of friendship by carrying out a variety of activities

with their class teachers. We celebrated the beginning of Friendship Fortnight at a whole school prayer assembly on Monday 1st October, which finished with all the children singing our 'friendship song' - Count on Me by Bruno Mars.



Maths Week was celebrated 15th-19th October. All classes engaged in Maths activities based in their environment around the school.



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SWIMMING ROTA

4th Class have already completed their swimming lessons. 3rd Class have completed week 2 of their 6 week set of lessons. Remaining 4 lessons from Thursday 8th-29th November. Rota then continues after Christmas as follows:-



2nd Class: Thursday 10th January - 14th February

1st Class: Thursday 28th February - 4th April

Cost of €37 per pupil (same as last year)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1. **Halloween closure today Thursday 25th October, with return to school on Monday 5th November.**
2. Parents' Association A.G.M. on Thursday 15th November at 8 p.m. - All welcome.
3. Bailieborough Community School enrolment evening & open night on Thursday 15th November from 5.30 - 8 p.m.
4. School closes for the Christmas holidays afternoon of Friday 21st December at 12 noon, with return to school on Monday 7th January.
7. Confirmation on Saturday 16th March at 12 noon in St. Anne's Church.
8. First Holy Communion on Saturday 4th May at 11.00 a.m. in St. Anne's Church.



Building Works

We are delighted that our new classroom is well underway. The building is roofed, windows are in and ground works outside at being worked on at the minute. Inside they are very busy getting the first fix of the electrics and plumbing completed. We will keep you updated in the progress.



CUMANN NA mBUNSCOL (Boys' Gaelic Football)

This competition is currently underway for our Senior Boys. They have won 3 out of their matches so far, coming second in their division. A massive word of thanks to our 2nd Class teacher, Ms. Moynagh for her dedication in coaching this team and to the parents that are assisting.

Come on the boys!



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CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

Well done to all the children who took part in this competition and congratulations to Eva Pilipaviciute from 2nd Class who won 1st prize in her category.



Cross Country Athletics Competition.

On Wednesday 17th October, 24 children took part in the annual Cross Country Athletics competition in Killinkere. The children represented the school so well and ran to their hearts content! A special congratulations must go to Erelle O'Sullivan, Oisín Keegan and Aoibheann Mulligan who came 1st overall in their categories. The Junior Boys team also came home with gold medals from their overall category and both the senior boys and girls teams took home silver. Overall our school came in 2nd place, which is a fantastic achievement considering 33 schools took part in the competition. Well done to all the children who took part, you did your school proud.



PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

A sincere word of thanks to you all for embracing our new 'on-line' booking format this year. It's a full-time job keeping up with new technology!



MUSIC

Mr. Gaskin, our music teacher has started back in the school and is here every two weeks on a Friday. Any family with a First Class pupil must by now have noticed the lovely music that their child is learning to produce from their Recorder! For the other classes, they continue their progress with their recorder and other instruments. A sincere word of thanks to St. Felim's N.S. Parents' Association who fund the cost of the music teacher in the school.



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MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS

A reminder that anyone wishing to speak to a member of staff, about any issue, must make a **prior appointment** to do so, either by phoning the school or calling into the school office to arrange. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated.



ALADDIN CONNECT

Thanks to everyone who has come on board with our new communication app - Aladdin Connect. We will be using the noticeboard feature on this application when we return after Halloween for all school messages.

SCHOOL ABSENCES

Parents/Guardians please use the Aladdin Connect App/system to explain your child/ren's absences from school outside normal closure dates. Thank you.

CAR PARK

As you are all well aware the school car park is a very busy place at collection times. We would ask for your patience and vigilance when using the car park, taking into consideration access for the school bus and the potential danger for children making their way through the car park to cars.



Class News

All classes have settled back onto school life extremely well. They have all being working very hard on lots of interesting things. Please log onto our school website to find out what they have been up to - www.thevalens.com - classes

