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St. Lorcan's B.N.S

Newsletter - November 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a very busy and productive few months in St. Lorcan's BNS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone associated with St. Lorcan's B.N.S, for a very successful start to the new school year. The pupils have settled well into their school routine, and this sets a great foundation for the year ahead.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to Ms. Geraghty, as she is now officially, our new Deputy Principal.

Mr. Daly received a wonderful send off last Friday. The staff and pupils made the day very special for him. He is so grateful to all the St. Lorcan's community for the kindness you have shown him. He promised to visit us before Christmas for a Christmas sing-along with the boys!

The Halloween Raffle was a great success. It raised over €1000.

Child Safeguarding - Our Child Safeguarding Policy has been reviewed and updated by the Board of Management. All staff members are Garda vetted in line with up-to-date Child Safeguarding procedures. The school's Principal, Ms. Greally, is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Safeguarding and Ms. Geraghty (the Deputy Principal), is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLp).

Please be advised that all teachers are Mandated Reporters. This means that if a child makes a disclosure, **we must contact** Tusla for advice, which we will always follow. Often, this can lead to a report being made to Tusla. All such incidents are treated with discretion and confidentiality is upheld.

Covid-19 - Covid-19 is still prevalent. The best way to keep viruses out of schools is for staff and students to stay at home if they are unwell and until symptoms have substantially resolved for 48hours.

Parent Teacher Meetings - PTM will take place during the week of 20th November. Your son's teacher will arrange a time that is convenient for you to meet.

Homework - I encourage every parent to monitor and support their child with their homework each day. If your child is experiencing difficulty with homework, please contact the school as soon as possible to arrange to speak with the class teacher. You will find a link on our school website called helpmykidlearn.ie, which has lots of ideas to help you support your child to learn.

Afterschool Clubs:

Homework Club for classes 3rd - 6th has recommenced. Please contact Ms. Hodgins or Mr Graydon for further details.

Lego Club - Ms. Devine and Ms. Watts are pleased to announce that the Lego Club is back for the pupils in 1st and 2nd classes. It provides a great way for students to interact and socialise and it allows them to practice skills such as problem solving, collaborative thinking and group learning. It also teaches simple mechanics and engineering; it could even influence your child's future career! If you are considering buying your child a new toy - seriously consider Lego!

All children attending any after-school activities will exit via the Manor Park Gate only.

Ms. Dunleavy and Ms. Keenan have set up an after-school sports club.

Football - St. Lorcan's BNS took part in the Cumann na mBunscol gaelic football league. Their first match was against Laurence O'Tooles CBS, which was played in Fairview Park. Despite Storm Agnes blowing wildly, our team came away with a great victory. The final score was 6-11 to 0-6.

Their second game was against Holy Spirit SNS, Greenhills. The lads played another fantastic game of football and secured the win at 2-6 to 2-1. This win brought the team to the semi-finals.

The semi-final was played against Scoil Áine, Lucan. Unfortunately, it was the not our day. Despite valiant efforts and great skill, Scoil Áine were the winners on the day. The final score was 1-2 to 0-2. The boys were absolutely devastated to not make the final. We as a school are so proud of them.

GAA Coaching - We are delighted to announce that GAA coaching is back for another school year. GAA coaching takes places every Friday with our specialist coach, Peter Elliott.

Sacraments 2024 -

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Mr. Walsh's 2nd Class - Saturday 11th May 2024 @ 10am

Ms. Herbert's 2nd Class - Saturday 18th May 2024 @ 10am

Sacrament of Confirmation

Ms. Devine's 6th Class - 17th May 2024 @ 6:00pm

Mr. Graydon's Class - 23rd May 2024 @6:00pm

Requisites - Thank you to all parents who have paid the school's requisites. This is not a voluntary contribution. Requisite payments can be made via the Aladdin app.

Autism Class - The Autism Class is near completion. We hope to commence work on the sensory garden next spring.

Healthy Eating - A reminder that St Lorcan's BNS is a Healthy Eating School with a small treat allowed on Friday's. Please note we are also a **Nut-Free School** due to allergies.

Punctuality - We remind parents of the importance of their son coming to school on time. A good start to the day supports your child settling into class and being ready for learning. Classes start at 08:50. The school gates open @08:40.

Book Fair - The Book Fair is in school this week. It is open to the boys this Thursday and Friday. The Girls' school will visit next Monday and Tuesday.

Parents Association - The AGM took place in October, and we were delighted that so many parents attended. Thank you to all parents for the support you have given and continue to give to St. Lorcan's Boys' School. Your contribution is invaluable to us as a staff and to the children's learning experience at school.

Parent Nominee to BOM: Elections for the Parent Nominee to the Board of Management for the next four-year cycle will take place on Thursday 16th November in the school hall @7pm. Please see the email I sent out in October for further information.

Coffee Morning: Thank you to the PA for organising the Coffee Morning which took place on 19th October last. It was lovely to meet so many of you.

Dates for your Diary

- Christmas Holidays: School closes on Friday 22nd December @12noon and reopens Monday 8th January 2024.



