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St. Patrick's N.S. Halloween Newsletter

Happy Mid Term Break

I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their hard work and support since our return in late August. We have had a very busy half term with lots of different activities in the school. Enjoy the break.

Gr. Kelleher

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please return shoeboxes before November 10th. Shoeboxes must be returned to organisers on this date. More information on how to fill the boxes can be found [here-](https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/how-to-fill-a-shoebox/)
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P/T Meetings

Face to Face

Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on 14th/15th of November. You will be able to book your slot on Aladdin after the midterm

Parents who chose the phone call option will also receive their time slot after the midterm on Aladdin

Admissions 2023

If you wish to apply for enrolment for a child in September 2024 you can do so on our website

<https://www.brureens.ie/>

Click on the 'Parents' tab and the first tab, 'Enrolling in St. Patrick's NS.' This has all the information you need. Please forward the information to any parent in the area who may have a child looking to enrol. Thank you.

Literacy Power Hour

Pupils in Seniors and 1st class have been taking part in Literacy 'Power Hour' over the past few weeks. They have really made great progress reading their new book each night. Thank you to the parents for their cooperation with this programme.

Our pupils can dress up on Friday for Halloween if they wish

Sacraments

- Communion- April 27th in Bruree Church.

Gaelic Football

Our boys and girls team competed very well this term in the south divisional competitions. We had some great performances in our matches against Bruff and Knockainey. Due to the poor weather our final round of games will take place after the midterm break. Well done to all our players and Mr. Reidy and Frances Killeen for looking after our teams.

Parent Association

Our Parent Association held their AGM on Wednesday 25th October. The following parents were elected:

Kathryn Dalton- Chairperson

Mary Power- Secretary

Joanne Daly- Treasurer

The Parents Association has a number of exciting upcoming events in mind. Stay tuned!

Parent Nominees to the BOM were also elected on the night.

Parent Nominee 1- Cathal O'Regan

Parent Nominee 2- Joanna Kelleher

Important Dates and Times

- School closes for mid term Friday 27th October at 3pm
- School reopens on Monday 6th November at 9.20pm
 - P/T Meetings 14th/15th/21st/22nd November
 - Science Week 12th November- 19th November
- Juniors/Seniors/1st/2nd Christmas Show Dec 12th in school at 6.30pm
 - Peace Proms(3rd-6th Class)Jan 28th in UL at 1pm
- School closes for Christmas at 12.15pm on 22nd December

Christmas Shows/Peace Proms

Our Juniors/Seniors/1st/2nd will perform a little Christmas show of songs in our school on 12th December. Our Juniors & Seniors will perform first at 6.30pm and our 1st & 2nd will perform at 7pm. Parents of children in those classes are invited to attend on the night.

Our 3rd-6th class pupils will perform in Peace Proms in UL this year on **28th January at 1pm**. Practising has started already here in the school. Tickets for the show will be on sale shortly for parents to purchase.

Active School Flag

All the children have been really active over the last few weeks, continuing on from where we left off last year. We completed a Table Tennis Takeover day, two 'Feel Good Fridays' and also took part in the European School Sports Day. The children have also been focusing on the skills of catching and kicking in PE.

Pupil Council

We are delighted to announce that we have reestablished a pupil council in our school again this year.

The setting up of a pupil council is one of our main actions in our Wellbeing School Improvement Plan. It gives a voice to our pupils and allows them to have a say in our school.

We have eight pupils on our council. Four of these pupils were selected by their peers and four were chosen by our school staff. Mrs. Irwin is looking after our pupil council this year. Our council has already met this school year and we are looking forward to their ideas for the school in the months ahead.

School Self Evaluation

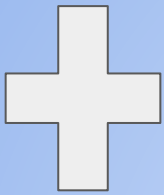
As you know we have been busy working on the actions from our numeracy School Improvement Plan. All the detail can be found here-

<https://www.brureens.ie/parents/school-self-evaluation/>



Silver Circle Draw

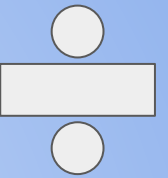
The Silver Circle Draw will take place again this year with the first draw on Wednesday 15th November. This year the proceeds from the draw will be used to fund transport cost towards our school tours and swimming later in the year. The money will also be used to purchase new Maths resources for each classroom. We would like to thank our parents and everyone in the school community for their continued support with our fundraising initiatives.



Maths Week 2023

All the classes in the school took part in activities for Maths Week 2023. The pupils really enjoyed maths trails, solving problems, playing mental maths games and working on their Maths app IXL. Well done everyone. More information on a great week can be found on our website here-

<https://www.brureens.ie/our-activities/discover-primary-science/maths/maths-week-2023/>



Party Invitations

It is school policy that party invitations are not distributed by class teachers. We kindly ask that parents distribute invitations to other parents directly. Due to GDPR we also cannot distribute the names or contact details of other pupils in your child's class. We also ask that parents do not send cake/party bags to be distributed in class on your child's birthday. Thank you for your cooperation.

4th Class Cycling

Our 4th class recently completed their safe cycling lessons with Kieron and Ed. The pupils really enjoyed the lessons and got to try out their new skills on the last day by cycling down the village. Well done everyone.



Photo Gallery





