



## October Newsletter 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done all our pupils who have worked so hard over the past two months!! Well done to our Pre-school and Junior Infant Pupils who have settled in so well to the routines of school. Well done also to our Senior Infants and First classes who are working very hard and are embracing the new challenges of Senior Infants and First Class.

What a busy half term it has been! We welcomed Minister for Education Norma Foley to officially open our wonderful new school on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September '24. What a special day it was for everyone! We also had a very successful curriculum evaluation in the subject area PE. The Department of Education inspectors who spent two days in the school were very impressed with the wonderful teaching and learning and the positive, inclusive school culture that they witnessed!

We also had our first Open night when we welcomed many visitors through our doors. Staff really enjoyed getting to meet so many of our current school community, past pupils, grandparents, our own families and future pupils too. It was a wonderful night, and we are very proud of our refurbished and new build which has so many fabulous new resources. We also celebrated Maths, week, planted Spring bulbs and enjoyed lots of Autumn and Halloween activities. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Instagram to see updates from our school.

Thanks to our parents for supporting the work of the school and in supporting your children with their learning. Thanks also for your co-operation with morning drop off, collection at home time etc. Parental support is always much appreciated and is vital for the smooth and safe running of the school.

I hope everyone has a fun filled, safe Halloween and I wish all a well- deserved midterm break.

Best wishes.

Anne-Marie O'Connor



### Parents Association

The Parents Association are organising the annual Christmas card project. This offers the children the opportunity to create personalised Christmas Cards while also raising money for the school.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm, all are welcome.





Happy Halloween

### **Instagram**

For those parents who have given permission for their child's image to possibly feature on the school Instagram page, you can request to follow: [social@stconlethinantschool](https://www.instagram.com/social@stconlethinantschool).

### **Maths Week 2024**

Maths Week took place in school from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The children engaged in lots of different Maths activities in their classes. There were lots of counting forwards and backwards to be heard around the school. The children had the opportunity to play lots of different board games including Ludo, snakes and ladders, draughts, connect 4 to name just a few.

Classes also had the opportunity to use maths in art, music and PE lessons. We also sent parents information from the NCCA with some useful tips on how they can help their child at home with Maths. It was very exciting to welcome the 6<sup>th</sup> class students from St. Conleth's and Marys to play board games with our First Classes. A special thank you to all the 6th class students and their teachers for coming to visit us.

On Friday we all performed our favourite number songs and poems for our Maths Week assembly, and we had the opportunity to wear something with shapes, number or pattern coming to school. We love Maths here in St. Conleth's Infant school.

A fun week for all!

### **Trips to the Riverbank**

We are fortunate to have the Riverbank so closely situated to us. Our First classes and Senior Infants are very excited to attend, Whistle Blast's, A Christmas Carol on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of December. We are sure that this will be a fun filled show for us all to enjoy.

### **Parent/ Teacher Meetings**

Our Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of November. More details to follow, after the Halloween Break.





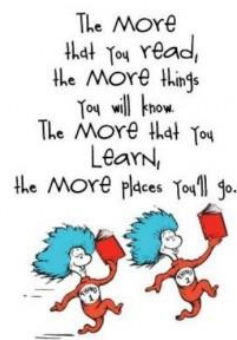
### Planting and Science Week

The children were very busy during the month of October planting bulbs. Children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class planted a mixture of snowdrops and crocuses. We look forward to enjoying an abundance of colour in the Spring.

We will celebrate Science Week from the 11<sup>th</sup> of November until the 15<sup>th</sup> of November. The children will be working as scientists and will have the opportunity to explore a variety of experiments.

### Our New Library Books

All the children in the school are enjoying all the wonderful, new and exciting books we got for our school library.



### Junior Infants

The boys and girls in Junior Infants have enjoyed settling into school life in St. Conleth's Infant School. The children have been learning lots since they began their journey with us. They have learnt a variety of different things from nursely rhymes to all about Autumn. Some beautiful Autumn art can be seen in the classrooms and in the last week, some spooky Halloween art has crept into our displays!

We had some very proud Junior Infants showing off their new school to their family and friends on the Open Night. The children have been having lots of fun in school as during Maths week the children enjoyed taking part in maths activities and dressing up. The children also enjoyed planting snowdrops in the front of our school. It has been a fantastic first term for the Junior Infants. We look forward to more learning and fun over the coming months!





## Senior Infants

Well done to all of the children in Senior Infants who have settled so well back into school. We had a very busy start to our year with a visit from the Minister of Education Norma Foley to open our new school. We blew our special guests away with our beautiful singing and dancing. We also held a fun opening evening where we brought our families in to show them our wonderful school. We are enjoying our lovely school facilities like the hall, library, wellness walkway, seomra draíochta, and playground. Not to mention all the great learning inside the classroom!

We loved celebrating maths week with games, songs, poems, stories, and our fabulous dress up day assembly. We paraded our creative maths clothes for the whole school to see. The children enjoyed planting spring bulbs out the front of the school. We can't wait to watch the flowers grow. The excitement is building for our Halloween Walk on Friday. We can't wait to show off our costumes. Wishing all the Senior Infants and their families a safe and happy Halloween.



Happy Halloween

## First Class

We have been very busy in First Class over the past few weeks and the classrooms have been bustling with activity. We enjoyed exploring various topics across the curriculum including "The Children of Lir", "My Senses", colour mixing and the colour wheel, hibernation and the art of Picasso to mention a few.

We have embraced Autumn in our classrooms with an abundance of colour with our hedgehogs, pumpkins, witches and Frankensteins. We have been busy this week planting our crocuses and we look forward to enjoying the abundance of colour in the Spring.

We are really excited about our Halloween Witch Walk on Friday and we wish you all a very Spooky Halloween!!

## Applications for Junior Infants 2025

We are currently accepting applications for our Junior Infants classes for 2025. Our admissions notice and admissions policy is on our school website. Application forms are available to download from the school website or on request from the school office. The deadline for applications is 12/11/2024.





### The Shoe Box Appeal.

A reminder that Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of November is the final date for the Christmas shoebox collection.

### Warm Clothes!

When we return to school on November 4<sup>th</sup>, we can expect the weather to be colder so please ensure that the children have extra layers on coming to school. The children should wear a coat each day also.

### Halloween Walk

The children may dress up on Friday for our fundraiser/Halloween Walk. Our witch walk will take place at 11.20 on Friday morning. **Please ensure that the children dress warmly and wear their coats.** Thank you to everyone who has supported this event. If you haven't already done so, please send in your card by Friday. The money will be used to purchase Library books, IT equipment and update resources in our Seomra Draíochta / Playroom.

**School closes on Friday @ 1.50 for Junior Infants and 2pm for Senior Infants and First Classes. School re- opens on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 9.10am for all classes.**

**Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween.**

