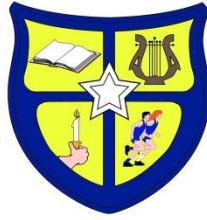


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12/10/21 - Halloween (Oíche Shamhna) Activities



Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Our pupils have really settled back well into school again and are enjoying being with their friends. Lunchtime soccer leagues for 3rd to 6th classes have brought great excitement and our children are looking forward to our *Halloween Assembly* and the many prizes that will be raffled as part of our **Sponsored Walk Raffle**. Thank you for your great support of our pupils' wellbeing in Monastery National School. We are organising the following Halloween events;

Halloween Fancy Dress Costume / Non-Uniform Day Friday October 22nd

1. A **Halloween / Fancy Dress Costume Day** for Junior Infants to 2nd class only.
2. A **Non-Uniform Day** for 3rd to 6th classes only where your son can wear a football jersey, PE gear or other casual clothing. These classes should not dress up in Halloween costumes.

***N.B. Costumes should not be too scary and items such as swords etc should not be sent to school.**

Halloween Class Competitions

We are also hosting special Halloween Art Competitions as follows;

- Infants to 2nd class have a Halloween colouring competition. 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in each class.
- 3rd to 6th class have a *Halloween Safety Poster* Competition. 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes in each class.

All infant classes will complete their entries in school. 1st to 6th classes have no homework this Thursday, October 14th and these entries must be returned to teacher by Monday October 18th.

Halloween Assembly takes place via Google Meets with all classes in their own classrooms on our last day before Halloween Break on Friday October 22nd. Lots of awards and prizes!

We wish you a happy and safe Halloween break with your family,

Yours sincerely, Jim Mc Gee, Príomh Oide.

Important Reminders

- ❖ In order to prevent a Covid outbreak in Monastery NS, HSE Public Health and the Department of Education have instructed our school to maintain all Covid controls in school for the foreseeable future.
- ❖ In the event of a pupil testing positive for Covid our school will no longer be contacted by HSE Public Health and a Public Health Risk Assessment (PHRA) will not be routinely undertaken to identify close contacts. In light of this change we would appreciate if parents would inform us if your son tests positive. This information is strictly confidential.
- ❖ For all pupil absences parents must complete and return a hard copy of the **HSE Parental Declaration Form** to teacher or email officeardeemns@gmail.com
- ❖ It's winter time so please ensure your son has a warm coat and appropriate footwear coming to school each morning.
- ❖ We will be setting up our **Virtual Learning Environments, MNS Seesaw** (Infants to 5th) and **MNS Google Classroom** (6th) in the coming week. After Halloween break these VLEs will be used once a week for homework.
- ❖ Monastery NS closes for **Halloween Break** on **Friday October 22nd** and re-opens on **Monday November 1st**.