

* SUPERVISION
STARTS AT
8:20AM EACH
MORNING

*BUS BAYS ARE
FOR BUSES ONLY

*CYCLISTS MUST
WEAR HELMETS

*ELECTRIC
SCOOTERS ARE
NOT ALLOWED

*CHECK THE
TRAFFIC MIRROR
WHEN DRIVING
OUT FROM THE
SCHOOL AND
WATCH OUT FOR
WALKERS AND
CYCLISTS
PASSING

*ANY SAFETY OR
WELFARE
CONCERNS
CONTACT:

SHEELAGH MURPHY
(PRINCIPAL & DLP)

STEPHEN TERRY
(DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
& DDLP)

*THE STAFF CAR
PARK IS FOR
STAFF CARS ONLY
PLEASE DO NOT
PARK IN THIS
AREA

*WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL -
SOME STUDENTS
HAVE SEVERE
ALLERGIES TO
NUTS

Principal's Weekly Bulletin

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SNA Appreciation Day

Yesterday marked the first ever National SNA Appreciation Day. We are full of gratitude for our wonderful SNAs, who go the extra mile every day to support the pupils in their care. We are very lucky to have such a committed and skilled SNA team.

Sports Capital Funding

We are thrilled to be on the list of Laois clubs and organisations who were awarded funding under the Sports Capital and Equipment Grant Scheme. €119,869 has been granted for further development of our Running Track.

Rainbows Programme

Scoil Phádraig is proud to be a Rainbows Centre. We are currently seeking enrolments of boys and girls for new groups. Rainbows supports children who have experienced bereavement or parental separation. There are also support sessions available to parents via Zoom. If you would like further information please email the coordinator Aisling at rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com

Notice of Annual Reviews

The Board of Management wishes to inform parents that an Annual Review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-Bullying Policy was completed at a meeting of the Board on the 24th September. Both policies are available on our school website. The reviews were conducted in accordance with the official checklists published on the Department's website www.education.ie

Assistive Technology Inspection

We completed a very successful 2 day inspection this week, which investigated the use of Assistive Technology. The Department of Education's Inspector was very complimentary of the support provided to students and the proactive approach to digital learning.

Swimming

Swimming is part of the Primary School PE Curriculum. The school is duty bound to enable all pupils to develop their swimming skills as a basic and important life skill. Please encourage your son to take part in this key part of the PE Curriculum.

Halloween Dress Up

All students are invited to dress up in their Halloween costumes on Friday, 25th October!

Midterm Break

We are closed from Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November. School reopens on Monday 4th November.

Team Hope Shoeboxes

Please see the leaflet attached about this year's Team Hope Shoebox Appeal. Any family can get involved and we will collect the shoeboxes here in the school from the 4th—7th November

Cumann na mBunscol

It has been another busy week for football matches. We had a win away to Scoil Bhríde Portlaoise on Tuesday and then we were at home to Killenard in both divisions today. Today's matches were very competitive and Scoil Phádraig came away with a win in both games. Well done to all the boys involved and their teachers. A special thanks also to our neighbours Portarlinton GAA for the use of the grounds.