Principal's Weekly Bulletin

Newsletter 11 **13th November 2026**

Key Safety Notices:

Supervision on the yard/hall starts at 8:20am

No parking in the bus bays

Drivers must watch out for children walking, cycling & scooting.

No Parents on site during yard breaks

Arrive no earlier than 1pm for 1:20pm pick-Up.

Bus Bays are for the Buses only

Staff car park is a restricted area

We are a nut-free school

Any safety or welfare concerns contact:

Sheelagh Murphy (Principal & DLP)

Stephen Terry (Deputy Principal & DDLP)



Science Week

There has been lots of fun in classrooms this week with Science lessons and experiments. The theme of this year's Science Week is: Water—from Molecule to Ocean! Today, the whole school came together for a fun Science Show. Thanks to the classes who presented their projects and taught everyone some interesting facts!



Weekly Lotto Winner!

Congratulations to this week's winner: Bernie Mitchell €20). Thanks to all those who are playing each week. New players are always welcome and can join here: https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stpatricksbns



Communion Mass

Boys preparing for their First Holy Communion have their Enrolment Mass tomorrow evening at 6:15pm in the parish church.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Our Parent /Teacher Meetings will take place on Monday, 30th Nov, Wednesday 2nd Dec and Thursday 3rd December. Parents will have the opportunity to book meeting slots on Aladdin from next week. We will notify parents when the scheduler is open for bookings.



Admissions Update

Today was the deadline for Admissions applications for September 2027. The school office will now process the applications and parents will be notified of the decision on their application by the 27th November.



Attendance Campaign

Earlier in the week we sent out information to parents about the new Attendance strategies. It is important that parents are aware of the new Attendance Check In phone calls. These are designed to improve collaboration with parents about attendance and for the school to intervene early and to offer support. Another new action is the recording of term-time holiday data. As part of this strategy, we will be asking parents to complete a Holiday Notification Form and to return it to the office. These strategies are part of the new pilot attendance programme ANSEO and we are looking forward to seeing how they bring about improvements in student attendance.



Dates for the Diary

*Tues 1st December—STEM Curriculum Training—the school will be closed
Mon 30th Nov, Wed 2nd Dec, Thurs 3rd December—Parent/Teacher Meetings