

And finally....

- **Maths Week** takes place this week. The corridor outside the Hall is awash with Maths puzzles & teasers.
- **An eight week tennis** programme is being provided to 1st Class pupils by professional tennis coach Ana. Fingal & the Parents' Association are sponsoring this.
- **Planting of daffodil bulbs** will take place this week. Thanks to the Parents' Association for sponsoring the bulbs.
- The **Library Mural** is nearing completion and it looks amazing. Many fictional characters are brought to life in it, thanks to the artistic skills of parents Sharon Stafford & Ian Kavanagh. A huge thanks to them for their time, talent and commitment.
- We would be grateful for donations of any **Board Games** which are in very good condition that you no longer require. Pupils from 1st to 4th classes would enjoy playing these games during rainy lunchtimes.
- We welcome intern **Bríd Rushe** to the Staff. She will be assisting in the Library, Office & Staff Room.
- Thank you to the Parents' Association for co-ordinating the **Pupil Personal Insurance Scheme** again this year.
- Please alert Blanchardstown Gardaí (Ph. 6667000) if you notice anything suspicious around the school, especially in the evenings and during the midterm break.
- A very Happy Hallowe'en to the whole school community. We hope you have a safe & enjoyable holiday season.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

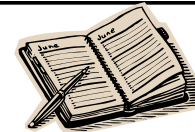
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Sam visits Scoil Thomáis

Highlight of October so far was the visit last Tuesday of Alan & Bernard Brogan with the Sam Maguire Cup. The Dublin GAA stars, who are past pupils of Scoil Thomáis, were given an enthusiastic welcome by pupils and staff. The Hall was decked out in blue & navy for the visitors, who were treated to much cheering, singing and questioning from the pupils. Check out www.scoilthomais.ie for a full account of the visit.



Dates for your diary:

- Wed. 16th & Thurs. 17th Oct: The school's Green Team is organising a Clothes Recycling Appeal....read inside for further information
- Fri. 18th Oct.: The Parents' Association is organising an Autumn Bake Sale in the School Hall...for further details please read inside.
- Mon. 28th Oct. - Fri. 1st Nov.: School will be closed for the midterm break. It will re-open on Mon. 4th Nov. at 9a.m.
- Wed. 20th & Thurs. 21st Nov.: Annual Parent Teacher Meetings will take place from 2:50p.m. to 5:30p.m. each day. Specific times will sent to parents in early November.

Recent events in Scoil Thomáis

Skip Hop

All pupils from Senior Infants to 6th Class improved their skipping skills after participating in workshops run by Mark from Skip Hop. They thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and no doubt we will see more skipping around the locality.



School GAA Round Up

Good luck to the Girls' GAA team in their Cumann na mBunscol semifinal on Wednesday next.....one more win needed to reach a match in Croke Park. Hard luck to the Boys' team who were narrowly beaten in their quarter final. Many thanks to the team mentors and parents who provide lifts to the matches.



Bodhrán Workshop

Michael Vignoles conducted a fantastic Bodhrán & Uileann Pipes workshop with the pupils in 1st & 5th Classes last Thursday. Thanks to Ms. Bonner for organising this event.



Swimming

Swimming is taking place in Coolmine Pool for one 1st & one 4th Class. This is part of the PE curriculum. Other classes from 1st & 4th will be catered for next term. Míle buíochas to the parent volunteers who help on the bus & at the pool.



Living a healthy lifestyle

Stephen, from Fingal Sport is working with 3rd class pupils for 7 weeks to encourage healthy living....he is taking the pupils for PE & SPHE lessons.



Upcoming events.....

Autumn Bake Sale ~ Friday 18th October

This event is being organised by the Parents' Association. Donations of home made bakes can be left in to the School Hall from 8:50a.m. on Friday. Pupils will be able to buy goodies from 9:30a.m...maximum spending money: €2 per senior pupil, €1 per Infant. Parents & friends can attend the Bake Sale from 10:30a.m. to 12p.m. Thank you for supporting this fundraising event. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of supplementary reading material for Senior Infant pupils.



Clothes Recycling Appeal

All pupils have been given a blue recycling bag for clothes. These can be returned to the school **ONLY on Wed. 16th Oct. from 2p.m. and left in the School Hall foyer, OR on Thurs 17th Oct. at 9a.m. sharp, and left in the car park. Please support this worthwhile event. It is part of our school's Green Flag programme.**

Music in the Classroom Concert

Pupils in 2nd & 3rd classes are in for a treat when they will attend the National Concert Hall next week for the Music in the Classroom Concert. They are busily learning all the songs & tunes in preparation for the show.



Cross Country Athletics



The Fingal Cross country Athletics

League kicks off this week. 50 pupils from 3rd to 6th classes will be taking part. Good luck to all involved.

Fighting Words

4th Class pupils will attend the Roddy Doyle inspired Fighting Words Writing workshop next week....a fascinating event.