

Dear Parents,

Attendance & Absence Reporting: We would like to encourage parents to be vigilant about attendance. Please adhere to reporting of absence under the following categories: Illness, Urgent Family Reason, Holiday, Suspended or Other. Should your child be absent from school, please fill in the attendance section of your Aladdin App, please also remember to fill the return to school declaration **before your child returns to school.**

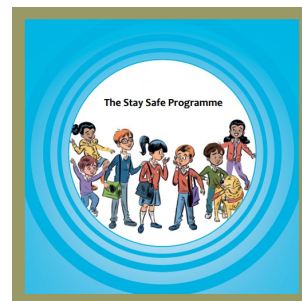
Library Feature: We are now using Aladdin Library in our school. This feature will keep you up to date on what library book your child is currently reading and if it is due/overdue to be returned. If you have any books at home we would appreciate if they were dropped back to the school by **this Thursday 19th November** to populate our school supplies before rolling this feature out to children.



Science Week Fun! To celebrate Science Week in our school on Wednesday 11th November Robert Hill took the children from 2nd to 6th class on an exciting virtual journey through the Amazing Cosmos! Children discovered what lies beyond our protective blanket of the atmosphere and got to get a glimpse of visitors from beyond as shooting stars as they burn up in the atmosphere above! Children also got to witness the night sky light up in a cosmic dance with the beautiful Northern Light and to gaze upon ancient distant travellers as comets as they pass by us on their own journey around our star, The Sun. This very visual presentation highlighted some of the amazing discoveries about our own Solar System and out into interstellar space and the universe beyond. Children in other classrooms were busy doing lots of science experiments!

Stay Safe Programme: For the next 5 weeks Children will be participating in the Stay Safe programme. This programme is designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class and seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.

The programme aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognise and resist abuse/victimisation and teaches them that they should always tell (an adult that can help) about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive. Your child will bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered in class and how you can reinforce the messages at home. You can also familiarise yourself with the content of the *Stayafe* lessons www.staysafe.ie/teachers/resources.htm



World Kindness Day! On Friday 13th November we celebrated World Kindness day in our school. Children read books with themes of acts of kindness, did art activities and circle time. Some children wrote notes of kindness to family members and friends. We really enjoyed this day!

Christmas Cards: Children are working on their Christmas Cards. Order forms will be sent home over the coming weeks!

Christmas Annuals: Annuals have been ordered and will be distributed to children when they arrive.

Football Coaching: Football coaching with John Enright has now finished. We are most grateful for the coaching received. Children really enjoying and benefited from getting active and developing their skills.

Setanta Book Club: The book club will be operating differently this year. We will update you over the coming days when the system is in place for ordering. Orders will be made online and delivered to the school free of charge.

Stories from the past: As part of the history curriculum, children in Ms Canavans room were busy interviewing their grandparents using different media to hear about stories from their past and what school was like long ago! Interviews were shared in class and children loved to hear all the stories. Thanks to their wider family members for sharing their stories.

International Children's Day: On Friday 20th November children can come to school in brightly coloured clothes, crazy hair styles & odd socks to celebrate their uniqueness & International Children's Day! Staff will be getting involved too, they will be sharing their baby and toddler photos for children to guess who is who!



Thanking you for your cooperation,

Kind regards,
Helen Colfer
Acting Principal



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