St. Enda's National School

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Dear Parents

Just a quick update -

Work to Rule / Strike
Thank you to all parents and the boys and girls who showed patience and have waited until 9:10 to enter the school, as part of the work to rule measures in place.

Unfortunately, these measures will continue next week. There will also be a Strike Day on Wednesday, 14th of October, and the school will be closed on this day. Should the Strike be called off (which seems very unlikely) I will communicate this with you asap.

Staff Training Day
Prior to this, the school will be closed on Tuesday, the 13th of October, to facilitate staff training. This is Department mandated and every school in the country is assigned a day. It just so happens that ours is the day immediately preceding the Strike day.

Parents' Association
It was a pleasure to be involved in the Parents' Association meeting last night. It was also great to see some new faces at the meeting! A variety of issues were discussed including plans for the year ahead including sensory garden ideas and plans to alleviate crowd pressures on the footpath in the mornings. The issue of school patronage was also discussed.

The Parents' Association (PA) is delighted to to be hosting a "Spooktacular" Halloween Disco on **Friday 23rd Oct** from 6pm - 7:30pm in The Pavilion Lisdoonvarna. It's going to be "fangtastic!!" We ask that all children are supervised by an adult and the event is for 12 year olds and younger. There will be a charge of €5 per child on the night with all proceeds going towards the Sensory Garden Fund.

The PA committee is looking for volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Decorating & Set Up

- Entrance & Raffle Tickets Sales

- Tuck Shop & Refreshments

- Supervision

- Clean Up

A parent volunteer form will be sent out next week through Aladdin; where parents can sign up to volunteer to help with the disco. All support greatly appreciated to make this a successful, fun and safe event!

Thank you to all the parents who give up their time. The Parents' Association truly make the school a better place for us all.

Football
We have started football training and the boys will have a blitz on Monday morning in Tubber. It's great to see the enthusiasm from all involved.

Swimming
I'm aware there was an issue with swimming this week and the strike days will cause swimming lessons to be missed. In total, the children are owed 3 lessons. One will be made up on the 22nd and the further 2 lessons will be made up after halloween. Thank you all for your patience with this.

Fieldtrip
I was really happy to see Ms Canavan's room head off to explore the wooded area around the Pavilion and discover the plants and insects around. In this spirit, children from senior infants to 2nd class will head off on a fieldtrip next week to the woods at the Falls Hotel to discover the nature in the area. We might even throw in a hot chocolate - more details next week on what to bring etc.

That's all from me, have a great weekend, c'mon Inagh/Kilnamona!!!

Brian