

St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge

Newsletter

November 2024



Admissions to Reception and P1 for 2025-2026!

It is that time again when preparations begin for welcoming new children to our school. We will be holding our Open Morning on Wednesday 18th of December between 10am and 12 noon. If you have a child due to begin Pre-School or P1 in the new academic year we would love to see you. If you are unable to attend the Open Day, contact the office and we can arrange a private appointment.

!!!Congestion in the Car Park!!!

Staff and Governors remain very concerned about the congestion in our car park, particularly at 3.15. Last year we surveyed parents on the matter but the responses we received indicated that those who completed the survey did not share the concern of the school. Prior to the Halloween break, our fence was damaged by a reversing car and more worryingly, Miss Gormley observed two parents being 'clipped' by moving cars. There is a real fear that someone could be seriously injured. Miss Gormley has contacted EA and requested a site visit to assess the situation to try to find a solution to the problem. In the interim can we request that all those collecting children exercise extreme caution in the car park.

- We ask those 'on foot' to use the pedestrian gate, beside the polytunnel for leaving children off and collecting them, try not to walk through the car park.
- We encourage those in cars to park in the village and collect children at the pedestrian gate.
- We encourage children and families to use active travel such as walking and cycling to reduce cars around the school.
- We ask those in cars to not attempt to exit at 3.15 until all cars are ready to do so.
- Staff will all exit the building with their classes at the same time to try and avoid cars moving before all children are out.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Reminders!!!

After School Clubs

We are delighted to inform you that we are extending our After School Provision and have a range of new exciting and fun clubs on offer.

2.15 Club for younger children will continue to operate Monday-Thursday.

RM Multisports continues on Monday afternoons.

The following clubs are now also available to P3-P7 children from 3.15 to 4pm:

Tuesday	Arts & Crafts Club
Wednesday	Lego Club

Due to our growing numbers and welcome increase in our Extended Schools Budget, the cost of the Arts & Crafts Club and Lego Club will be covered by the school. We know that the children will enjoy these clubs very much.

Important Dates

8th November — First Reception Intake

11th November — Anti-Bullying Week Begins

12th November — INTO Film Trip for P2-P5 to Alley Theatre.

12th November — Arts & Crafts Club begins.

13th November — Diwali Workshops all classes.

13th November — Lego Club begins.

14th November — School Improvement Visit.

14th November — World Drawing God Day.

15th November — Second Reception Intake.

18th November — Flu Immunisation.

20th November — Education Welfare Attendance Audit.

Reminder — Christmas Show 10am & 7pm Thursday 12th of December.



Halloween Disco

Our Halloween disco was an overwhelming success, the staff have all been commenting on how much the late evening was worth it to see the children having such a good time. It was a pleasure to host, thanks to all our parents and families who went to such effort with the fancy dress. Thank you also to the Young Farmers for the use of their hall and to the Victoria Bridge Community Group for all the amazing decorations and the DJ.

Parent — Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended parent-teacher meetings in October. It was great to return to face-to-face meetings. Having the bonus of childcare during the Halloween Disco was a great help to many of you. We all want the very best for the children in our care and the home-school partnership is so important for achieving this.



Fun Maths — Maths Week Ireland

We were thrilled to have Pat Jamison MBE with us to kick start Maths Week Ireland. Our P4-P7 children enjoyed a series of problem-solving workshops which ties in nicely with our school development targets for this year.



New Pupil Council & Eco Committee for 2024-2025

Congratulations to the children who were successful in being elected for our Pupil Council and our Eco-Committee for this academic year, we look forward to seeing all your plans become reality. A big well done to all those who ran for election, it takes courage and determination to put yourself forward and the staff were all very impressed by your efforts. For anyone who was not elected, you should still be very proud, we hope that you will try again next year.



INTO Film Festival

Thanks to Mrs Connolly for organising a trip to the Alley Theatre for our P2 — P5 children to celebrate the INTO Film Festival 2024. The children will be out of school on the morning of Tuesday 12th of November to attend but will return to school in time for lunch. A link for permission will be issued tomorrow (Friday).



Culture Quarter Diwali Workshops

We would like to wish our school community a Happy Diwali. We look forward to hosting a full day of Diwali Workshops on Wednesday 13th of November. Each class will host a visitor from the Culture Quarter and learn all about this celebration.



Parent Support Group

We hope to establish a new parent support group for our school. This group would support events and fundraising throughout the year to enhance the provision for our children. An expression of interest form will be issued this month. The first task for those interested in getting involved would be to organise our Christmas Draw to help raise money to purchase new ipads for our boys and girls.