



St Paul's Primary Newsletter

Halloween 2024



New School Year

Welcome back to all our students and families for the new school year. We hope everyone had a great Summer and are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable school year. No doubt everyone is returning to familiar routines and getting back into the swing of school life again.

Our school calendar is available to view on the school website on www.brunnerprimary.ie

Junior Infants

We are delighted to welcome our new crew of Junior Infants to St Paul's. It is wonderful to see their bright, eager faces and we have no doubt they will have great fun making new friends. They have settled in so well and we really look forward to seeing their progress over the year.

Halloween Event

Our Halloween concert will take place this Thursday 24th October in the school hall. Children will dress up in their costumes and parents will be invited to attend the performances. 11am for Junior, Senior and First class. 1.30pm for 4th, 5th and 6th class.

Cumann na mBunscol GAA



We competed in the Cumann na mBunscol gaelic football competition this year. We were in a division with Oatlands in Mount Merrion, St Christopher's Haddington Road and Central Model school. We managed to win all three group matches after some fantastic performances. Unfortunately we were defeated in the quarter finals by a strong Sacred Heart NS Srulleen.

We were so proud of the boys for their effort and enthusiasm. Many of the boys had never played a match before but showed great natural ability and endeavour. Most of all, the boys really enjoyed playing a match with their schoolmates. Thanks to Mr O'Sullivan and Mr Bergin for coaching the team. The boys enjoyed a pizza party in school to celebrate their efforts.

Mid Term Break

The school will close for the mid term break on Friday 25th October. Students and staff will get a well earned break. School will reopen on Monday 4th November.

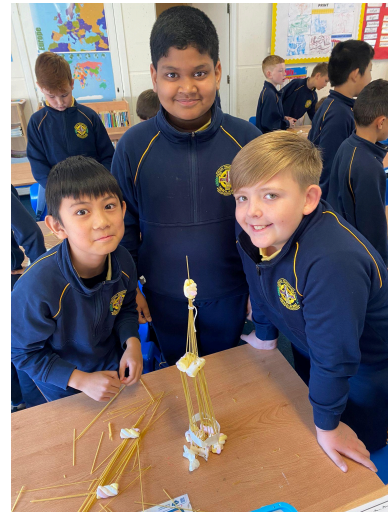
New Maths Resources

We would sincerely like to thank DBFL Consulting Engineers based in Ormond Quay for their amazing support in sponsoring maths resources for the school this month. With a new maths curriculum being rolled out by the Department of Education and a strong focus on concrete materials, we knew we would have to make some serious investment in our current bank of resources. Thankfully DBFL were in a position to support the school. We greatly appreciate their contribution which will make a positive difference to our school this year and for many years to come.



Maths Week 2024

On October 14th to 18th, we celebrated Maths week in Brunner. This was a week-long promotion of fun maths activities. These included Maths for Fun in the junior classes, active maths workshops in the hall, a bumper maths quiz and a maths trail for all the classes. They even got to test their engineering skills to build a marshmallow tower! The children seemed to really enjoy it and hopefully improved their maths problem solving skills.



Halloween Fire Safety

Our local community guards paid us a visit recently to explain about the importance of being safe around Halloween. They explained about the dangers of fireworks and bonfires. Halloween is such a fun event for all the family but it is very important to be safe when out and about.



Junior Infants Admissions September 25

We will be accepting applications for Junior Infants on the 1st November 2024 for the coming September 2025. Applications will be open until 31st January 2025. An online application form will be available on the school website www.brunnerprimary.ie

Aladdin Connect

This year again, the school is using the Aladdin Connect app to communicate with parents. It is an excellent mode of communication between parents and school. It is very easy to navigate and use. The school will be using the Aladdin app to inform parents about events in school and give consent for different activities or outings. It is very important also that parents should also inform the school when their child is absent and give a reason for absence. If a parent cannot access the Aladdin App for any reason, they should contact the school and we can help fix the problem.



Hot Lunches

We are delighted to be offering hot lunches to all our students this year. As part of the free school meals financed by the Department of Education, we have partnered with Fresh Today to provide hot lunches each day. The children and parents can choose from a selection of different meals and can amend their order from week to week. Overall it has been a great success and the children are very happy with full bellies every day.



Boxing Programme

The boys in 6th class have been participating in the DCC boxing programme with Paul Quinn over the last few weeks. Every year Paul gives the children an opportunity to try out boxing as a fun and enjoyable activity. The first stage is non contact and more about building the basics of movement and proper technique. Those who really seem to thrive progress on to the next stage which is called the Silver Programme whilst those who go further get an opportunity to spar in the ring against children from other schools as part of the Gold Programme. The boys this year seem to really enjoy the sessions and who knows maybe we will have a future Olympian on our hands!

Community Open Day

On Wednesday 2nd of October, our HSCL teacher Philip Howard held an Open Morning for local clubs and community groups. Parents were invited to attend to meet representatives from these groups to discuss how they may be able to support their children or their families. It was a great event and there were many parents in attendance to meet with sports clubs and family and support groups in the community.



Doodle Den



Our senior infants students are embarking on a new programme called Doodle Den in St Paul's this year. It is an after school literacy programme in which the children participate in fun activities to promote their English language skills. It takes place each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1.30pm to 3pm. The facilitators work with the children in school and we have been very lucky to offer the programme to every student in senior infants this year.

Goal Jersey Day

Thanks to all who donated towards the recent Goal Jersey Day in school. We raised 167.10 euro which will go toward helping the world's most vulnerable communities.



the exciting topics of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM). Over eight weeks, parents and our Home School Community Liaison teacher Philip team up to unlock the world of STEAM in a way that's not just informative but also fun and captivating! The programme is dynamic, rooted in evidence, and expertly crafted to boost parental confidence and engagement with STEAM activities and discussions at home. Fostering young children's curiosity and hands-on learning is hugely important for their future STEAM engagement and parents play a central role as children's first role models.



Kobi and Stevi making playdough during one of the Doodle Steam workshops!

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The Doodle Steam programme is being offered to parents in senior infants and 1st class. This evidence-backed programme takes schools and parents and their children on an adventure through