Newsletter 2

**Halloween celebrations**

We hope to hold our Halloween parade and morning of fun on Friday the 27th from 9:30 am-10:15.  All parents/guardians are invited to attend Please dress up  come along, and enjoy the fun and games.

 School hours are as normal on Friday 27th : Infants 2pm and 1st-6th 3pm.

**Midterm Break**

The school will be closed for a week from Monday 30th and reopen on Monday 6th. We wish everyone an enjoyable midterm and we look forward to seeing them on Monday 6th.

**Parent teacher meetings**

We will hold Parent teacher meetings on the 7th of November after the mid term break. Times for the meeting will be distributed with you shortly but these will take place after school. If you cannot make that evening please contact your child’s class teacher to make alternative arrangements. Parents may also avail of a phone call option if they cannot make their meeting in person.

**Wellbeing Survey:**

 As part of our School Self Evaluation process we are reviewing the wellbeing of all the stakeholders in school. To support us, we ask that parents/guardians please complete the form in the link attached below. Your feedback will help guide us as we continue to create a supportive learning environment for your child and all of the school community.

<https://forms.gle/Y48UUruPmxu2L8Eu6>

**Babaro**

All the school will attend a show run by Baboro. The show is called Fall and Float which features an acrobatic performance in the Nun’s Island Theatre on Thursday 19th Oct at 11:30 AM.

**Child protection**

We have recently updated our child protection policy and a copy of this policy is available to all on our website as well as a hard copy on the parents notice board.

The Designated Liaison Person is **Danny O’ Connor.**

The Deputy Designated Liaison person is **Colleen Finnerty**

**Jersey day**

Thanks to all who supported the jersey day. Well done to both the minor and junior teams on reaching their respective finals.

**Supervision before school**

Reminder: School begins at 9:20, staff will be on the yard to supervise pupils from 9:10. There will be no supervision of pupils before this time.

**Public Health Screening**

The consent forms from the public health nursing department have been given to all new pupils.. A date for the screening will be given to the school in the coming days.

**Conker competition**

The 1st, 2nd and 6th  class pupils will hold a conker competition to see who will become the winner of the annual conker competition. Keep an eye on facebook to see how the competition goes.

**Contact with staff**

Reminder please e mail the class teachers/secretary if you have any queries regarding school: The e mails area as follows

cfinnerty@brackloonns.com

kcolohan@brackloonns.com

secretary@brackloonns.com

princiapl@brackloonns.com

**Christmas cards**

The school is participating in the Christmas Card for Schools this year. The children have been given a template to design their own individual Christmas Card. The company scans the template, prints it and you can purchase a pack of 10 cards for 8 euros to send to relatives or friends over the Christmas period. These will be all ready for purchase after the midterm break when an order form will be distributed.

**County Photos**

The proofs for the photos have been distributed last week. The monies have been  collected in school already so we now ask that if parents want to  order that they do so online.

**Maths week**

Well done to all who participated this week in Maths Week. We hope you enjoyed the maths challenges and more can be accessed in the sites below.

<https://nzmaths.co.nz/problem-solving>

<https://aplusclick.org/>

<https://haveyougotmathseyes.com/maths-eyes-2022-competition/>

**Athletics**

Well done to the pupils who participated in the cross country running in Renmore last week. They made the school proud and raced fantastically well.

**Hurling/Camogie**

Well done to the girls team who hurled superbly in Killimor on Wednesday. We teamed up with Moyglass and it was super to see the improvement in the girls hurling throughout the day.

**Hurling/Camogie Training**

The infants and senior classes will continue their coaching sessions. When the weather deteriorates, we will then postpone the training until spring 2023 when the weather improves. Please ensure that your child has all the necessary equipment on these Fridays.

**Library books**

The government has launched a new initiative that will give a free bedtime story book to all children aged four and under. Parents/guardians and their children will be able to choose from over 190,000 bedtime story books in English and Irish, which will be available to pick up in local libraries across the country.

The scheme aims to “engage all parents of young children to read stories with them at bedtime”.

Kind regards,

Danny O Connor

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