

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

MEÁN FÓMHAIR



It has been a very smooth transition back to school. We look forward to a productive year with excellent teaching and learning and many fun activities, workshops, tours and events throughout the year. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Fáilte

Welcome to all our new Junior Infants. They are amazing! Now on a longer day and joining the whole the school at assembly, maith sibh!

Welcome to the new boys and girls who have joined other classes. Welcome to four new members of staff; Mr. McNamara, Ms. Broder, Ms. O'Sullivan & Ms. Brennan.

Afterschool Activities

Afterschool Activities begin this week.

5th & 6th Class training for the Cumann na mBunscol begins in UCD from Monday 23rd September.



Defibrillator

Thanks to our Parent Association, the new Defibrillator has been installed outside the bathrooms at the entrance to the hall.



The Defibrillator is intended to be used by responders who have been trained in CPR and the use of an AED to defibrillate victims of cardiac arrest.

The first cohort of our staff received training in August and the second cohort will receive training on Thursday 26th September.

Health and Safety

The new Pedestrian Crossing is now in place. The pavement outside the apartment building is not yet finished. There is a 'knock-on effect' to children and families crossing safely at the junction. Every effort is being made to complete this work. Children and families approaching the school from the Goatstown direction should turn left on to Farmhill Rd. and cross safely where Michael, our Lollipop Person is on duty. Approaching from the Clonskeagh direction on the far side of the Goatstown Rd. children must use the new pedestrian crossing. Do not cross the road where it is unsafe to do so. Be extremely vigilant for cyclists who could break the red light.



The children will get regular reminders at assembly about crossing the road safely. Parents should also use the footpath and the pedestrian crossing for the safety of all. Do not to escort children across the road, through the roundabout to cars parked on the opposite side.

Dogs on the Yard

Families are reminded not to bring dogs on to the school yard or tie their pets to the railings close to any of the entrances.



A good place to '*park your pet*' might be the railings up at the Halla entrance between the Secondary School and the Primary School.

Thank you for your co-operation.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Whole School Mass was celebrated on Friday last
- Student Council - Class Speeches and Election this week
- GAA Hurling - Senior Infants on Tuesdays
- GAA Football - 1st Classes on Tuesdays
- Swimming - 3rd & 4th Classes on Tuesdays & Thursdays (*Unless otherwise notified*)
- Cycling - 5th Classes on Fridays
- Maths Week - 12th-20th October
- Science Experiments in Classrooms throughout the month of October

Child Protection 2019/20

The **Designated Liason Person** is Anne Kernan

The Deputy **DLP** is Elaine Molyneaux

Our Lady's Grove Child Protection Statement and Risk Assessment are displayed in hard copy at reception and are on our website www.ourladysgrove.ie



REMINDERS

School Closed - 26th September

Class Fees 2019/20 - paid via EPP by 30th September 2019

Allianz 24 Hour Personal Insurance 2019/20 - paid via EPP by 30th September 2019

Pre-Enrolment for 2020/21 - remains open until 30th September 2019. Spread the word to neighbours or friends who may be looking to enrol a child in the school for 2020/21

Head Lice - please check your child's hair regularly during the week and on the weekends More information is available on the school website: www.ourladysgrove.ie

Critical Incident Information - Thank you for filling out the Critical Incident Forms. This information will only be used in the case of an emergency. It is crucial that the school has your correct contact information. Always advise the school if your mobile/home phone number or email address changes.

On behalf of the Board of Management, thanks to all of the families who contributed to the upkeep of our school through the Voluntary Contributions. **2019 Voluntary Contributions** will continue to be gratefully received between now and Christmas. CHY Forms are available on our website: www.ourladysgrove.ie