



# Our Lady's Grove Primary School

19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dia Daoibh a Thuismitheoirí,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It is great to see children out and about with their friends. All going well, we will be back in school with a set of protocols to which we will all have to adhere. So far, there is no roadmap from the Department of Education, but we will give you the information as soon as we receive a solid plan for returning to school.

## Home Learning

Week 15/16 planning goes out today to include Monday and Tuesday of Week 16. I wish to thank children, parents and teachers for engaging with our Remote Learning Plan. It was very tough to keep the learning going for 15 weeks. July and August will give us a well- deserved break. May we all enjoy a lovely Irish summer!

## Virtual Sports Day 2020 (Week 15/16 Planning)

Parents, children and staff will miss the fun of our Annual Sports Day this year. We encourage everyone to participate in our Virtual Sports Day 2020 next week to mark the final week of Home Learning. We encourage you to take lots of photos, choose your favourite one and post it to Seesaw. Photos needs to be on Seesaw by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June. We hope to produce an 'End of Year' video as a memory of the year that has been. Access to this video clip will be password protected. Should you have any concerns in this regard, please email [admin@olgps.ie](mailto:admin@olgps.ie)

## Return of School Books/Jackets/Library Books

From Monday 22nd June, we will begin the process of returning rental books, readers, library books and Confirmation Jackets to school. **Please follow the timetable.** We ask that you place all the items into a bag and clearly label the bag as follows: **Child's Name and Room Number.** Tables will be set up in the hall according to room numbers. Parents will go in through the hall door and out through the second door, placing the bag on the correct table. We hope that you will adhere to our safety procedures and maintain social distance. We would appreciate if you could drop off the items and leave. Sibling's books may all be returned on the same day, which ever day suits best. Please look after artwork and project work at home as teachers may display the work in September.

MONDAY 22/06 9.00AM - 11.00AM	ROOM 13	
MONDAY 22/06 11.30AM - 1.30PM	ROOM 14	
TUESDAY 23/06 9.00AM - 11.00AM	ROOM 12	ROOM 6
TUESDAY 23/06 11.30AM - 1.30PM	ROOM 11	ROOM 5
WEDNESDAY 24/06 9.00AM - 11.00AM	ROOM 10	ROOM 4
WEDNESDAY 24/06 11.30AM - 1.30PM	ROOM 9	ROOM 3
THURSDAY 25/06 9.00AM - 11.00AM	ROOM 8	ROOM 2
THURSDAY 25/06 11.30AM - 1.30PM	ROOM 7	ROOM 1
FRIDAY 26/06 6 <sup>TH</sup> CLASS	ROOM 15	ROOM 16

## **Reports**

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June you received an email from Databiz inviting you to log into the portal to view your child's End of Year Report. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the report with the Class Teacher, you should send a short email through the Class shared email box asking the Class Teacher to contact you.

## **Primary Language Curriculum Half-Day (in-service training)**

On Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June, the staff will engage with the second of two mandatory half day Webinars on the Primary Language Curriculum, facilitated by PDST.

## **Return Date for Academic Year 2020/2021**

The children will return to school on Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> in line with Department of Education and Department of Health Guidelines at that time.

**If your child is not returning in September or there is a change of address or phone number, please email this information to us immediately.**

Staff will participate in 2 Croke Park days on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, in preparation for the children's safe return.

## **Planning Ahead**

In line with the Primary Language Curriculum a new English & Irish scheme will be introduced:

- **'Over the Moon'** (Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class)
- **'Abair Liom'** (3<sup>rd</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class)
- **'Hand-Writing Without Tears'** (Junior Infants to 1<sup>st</sup> Class)
- **'Master Your Maths'** will replace Maths Challenge
- **'Seesaw'** school site licence

These are significant changes within our Rental Book Scheme. These changes are overdue and will offer children exciting new challenges and enhance teaching and learning in the classroom and at home. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please contact me in confidence by emailing [annekernan@olgps.ie](mailto:annekernan@olgps.ie)

We are very appreciative of your Voluntary Contributions for this tax year (January 2020 – December 2020). This funding will help to supplement the shortfall in the DES Rental Scheme Grant.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ní Neart Go Cur Le Chéile

Kind regards,

Anne Kernan