

OCTOBER 2024

Nuacht ó Gharrán Mhuire

Heartfelt thanks to the PA for hosting a wonderful coffee morning! Despite the rain, we made it through the parade, enjoyed a few songs, and indulged in some treats. We hope everyone enjoyed seeing the children in their fabulous costumes!



A special thank you to Tomas, our caretaker, for helping to keep the show on the road this morning. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Míle Buíochas to all for making our first term full and vibrant. The children have settled in wonderfully, showing great growth and development in their learning and engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of activities. A huge thank you to the staff of OLG for their care and commitment to our children, and dedication to fostering a positive learning environment. I also extend my gratitude to the Parent Association for getting all the after-school activities up and running. The invaluable work done by the PA is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to welcoming a new team of parents after midterm.

As we approach the break, everyone is ready for a well-deserved rest. On behalf of myself and the Board of Management, I wish the staff, children, and families of OLG a restful and enjoyable mid-term. We look forward to seeing you in November.

JoAnna McDowell, Principal

Reminders

- ◆ Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on 19, 21 & 26 Nov 2024
- ◆ Coats everyday from 4 November
- ◆ Tracksuits on P.E days only, school uniform to be worn other days
- ◆ Items of clothing to be labelled clearly

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Bag2School
- ◆ PA Annual - Christmas Cards
- ◆ Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal
- ◆ First Aid Training

SAFETY ON THE CAMPUS

Please adhere to the following:

- Parking in designated spaces only.
- Travelling at the appropriate speed.
- Extra vigilance as you approach the Pedestrian Crossings.
- Driving through the two roundabouts on entry.
- Circulating the campus until a space becomes available.



Samhain shona daoibh go léir!

World CP Day

On Monday October 7th we celebrated World CP Day. We wore green because it is the official colour of CP flag. This year's theme was #UniquelyCP. CP Day is to show people that difference is good. There was a brilliant presentation on CP Day for our school assembly.

Fionn, R11



Halloween Doors

Every class decorated their classroom door for Halloween. Some classes did school artwork, others did colouring and sticking. Every door was FANG-tastic!

Lottie and Ciara, R11/12



Bake Sale

Hi! this is Pearl and Edie from room 15 and Eliza from room 16. Today we are writing about the school bake sale that 6th class ran. First, we had to pick a charity for the bake sale. Each class picked out a few charities to pick from room 15 the top 2 were DSPCA and UNICEF. in room 16 the top 2 charities were UNICEF and Barnardo's. So, in the end we agreed to pick UNICEF. The bake sale happened on the 23rd of October. We asked the whole school to bake nice treats for the bake sale. The 6th class were super excited to run the bake sale as they got to make yummy treats, dress up in their costumes and have LOADS OF FUN! The day before the bake sale we picked people to count the money. The money counters were Poly in room 15 and Sophie and Jasmine in room 16. We made sure to have a table for people with allergies like eggs, milk etc so they could be included. Some of the things on the table included gluten free baked goods, chocolates and caramel squares. We also told the people making the treats to make sure not to include stuff like nuts, Nutella etc. on the day of the bake sale all of 6th class came in in their costumes and immediately starting to put cakes on the back tables. We had back tables to put extra treats so we don't sell stuff all at once and we had the selling table for the stuff we were selling. Then we all got in position and our 1st class to come in was room 1. Room 15 has room 1 as their iPad buddies so room 15 went with room 1 while room 16 managed the whole bake sale then we had room 2 in and room 15 managed the whole bake sale while room 16 went around with their room 2 buddies. By little break 4 classes had come in and we had already raised over 100 euro!!!! After lunch we continued. Every time we sold a whole tray of items, we would put the container on the back table and get some more treats. Then big lunch came and we had raised around 500 euro!!! 6th class were so happy. After lunch we only had a few more classes to do. Not long after we all tidied up and returned all the containers. In the end we raised over 1500 euro to help UNICEF. 6th Class were delighted with this and it was a fun day for everyone.

Pearl & Edie, Rm 15 and Eliza, Rm 16

Maths Week

Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin



The Student Council, with the help of Ms Daly, organised a competition to guess the weight of the pumpkin. At assembly we explained how the competition would work and everyone got really excited! Each class got a turn to lift the pumpkin up and see how heavy it felt. The Student Council then went to the junior classes and gave out the pages for them to fill in their guesses. They were all collected the day before we would announce the winner. We found out the pumpkin weighed 8.8kg. We looked through all the guesses to find the winner. On Friday the 18th of October everyone was excited to see if they would win. The winner was Max in R9, who guessed the exact weight.

Isabelle, R13

Secondary School Visit



On the 18th of October Room 11 and 12 went to the secondary school as part of Maths Week. We saw their projects based on businesses like zoos or theme parks. Then we got into groups of four with one transition year student per group. Then we played a game where we rolled a dice to get 110. The winners got a plant pot. Our group won, YAY!

Seán and Georgia, R12

Sweets Count

During Maths Week the student council counted a number of sweets and put them in a bowl. We then handed out sheets of paper for everyone to guess the number of sweets in the bowl. The student council got together and read through all the guesses. As nobody guessed the exact amount, 307, we picked out students who got between 300-315. From these students we drew names and shared the number of sweets.

Sophia, R13



Lego Workshop

On Monday the 14th of October a Lego Workshop was set up in the halla, as part of Maths Week. Each class got a turn to go down to the hall for a time to play Lego. Boxes of Lego were placed on blue mats so we could dig in and find pieces to build their own models. Everyone had so much fun!

Patrick, R13



Soccer

All year round, we have football after school on Wednesdays for all of the boys and girls in 5th and 6th class. Our coaches are called Tommy and Stephen and we train on the Rosemount pitches. Both 5th class and 6th class have training matches at our sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. All are welcome at the football sessions. We really enjoy the competition, choosing our teams and it's lots of fun playing with our friends.

Charlie, Rm 15

Walk on the Wild Side

In OLG we did a fundraiser called 'Walk on the Wild Side.' It was great fun!

- Junior Infants walked to Rosemount
- Senior Infants & 1st Class walked to Taney Playground
- 2nd Class walked to Farrenboley
- 3rd Class walked to Deer Park
- 4th Class walked to UCD
- 5th & 6th Class did their walk in Marlay Park. They also had activities like football, rounders, orienteering.



Beth and Mark, R14

Tiny Tony News



This is Tiny Tony's Halloween costume! I am sure that you will agree it is fabulous and the fit is perfect!! Thank you to Ms Hutchinson who crocheted this very special gift for Tiny Tony!

GAA

Every Monday after school from 2:30pm – 3:30pm there was training. We had such fun coaches. They were Seán, Ms Hickey, Ms Cuskelly, Ms Murphy and Ms Burke. They encouraged us and gave us lots of tips. I was captain, so before every match I would do warm-ups and would do a team talk. The girl's matches were every Wednesday. Our first match was against St. Mary's PS Donnybrook. It was a tough match and sadly we lost, but we kept our heads held high. At training we talked about how we could improve. Our next match we played Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS Johnstown. It was such a hot day! We played our best. Yet again it was a hard and tough match. We won and we were delighted! We played another match the following Wednesday against Scoil Lorcáin. It was really bad weather; it was lashing rain and cold. We still put on an amazing performance, and we won. We were so happy! We then had training on Monday and Seán told us we were in the quarter final. We were elated! We focused on training and then we had our match. We all felt nervous but also excited. We played Mary, Help of Christians GNS, Navan Rd. Before the match we did some warm-ups with the team and goalie. It was a hard match. At half time we were losing but we played our very best and sadly lost by a goal. We kept our heads held high, even though there were some tears. We are all so grateful we got to represent our school. It was such a good experience. We're also so grateful to all our coaches.

Emma, R16

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