



A brief note ...

Well done, everyone on completing almost a month of school! It has been a busy, yet, enjoyable time for everyone getting settled back into routine. I would like to thank you all for your support, understanding and patience at this time while we continue to carefully adhere to Department Guidelines to ensure a safe school environment for all. We thoroughly appreciate your continued care and vigilance.

We are currently enrolling children for September 2022, and if you know of any families looking for school placement, please let them know.

We recently celebrated the start of the school year at our socially distanced outdoor 'Beginning of Year Service'. It was wonderful to have Rev. Peter present on the day. He spoke to us about asking good questions and finding good answers. Well done to our 6th class pupils who led the service with such confidence. We are very proud of you all.

4th, 5th and 6th class began their GAA training on Wednesday 8th September. They have thoroughly enjoyed the lively and energetic training sessions led by Gavin Webb. We are most grateful to Kinsale GAA club for organising this coaching.

#### **Some gentle reminders...**

The school day begins at 8.50 a.m. Both the front and rear gates are locked and the playground is unsupervised before this time. **Please note that we will not**

**be responsible for children arriving before 8:50 a.m.** Please ensure your children are in school on time every morning.

Please do not congregate at the school gate and try to maintain a 2 metre distance. If you get out of your car, please wear a mask.

School collection – If home-time and collection arrangements change for any reason, please notify the office at your earliest convenience.

Please ensure all clothing and other possessions are **clearly labelled** with indelible ink.

As the weather becomes more changeable, please make sure that your child brings a coat with them to school every day. It should be waterproof and have a hood. It is very important that pupils have coats, allowing classes to enjoy break outside on damp days.

Due to Covid-19, the water fountain will remain **out of use**. Please ensure that your child brings adequate fluids with them to school daily.

#### **Change of Address/ Emergency Numbers/ Email Addresses**

If you have changed any of these or your standby contacts, we would ask that you let the school secretary know immediately. This information is necessary for the safety and care of your child during school hours.

## **Homework Diaries**

### **Please ensure that you sign your child's homework diary every day.**

Each child has been provided with a password for the Mathletics app which you can download on your device. Your child can log in at home, as well as in school to practise maths concepts and skills. You will also have noticed log in details for Seesaw. Seesaw is a secure online journal where students can document and reflect on what they are learning in class. Sometimes, teachers may assign tasks on Seesaw. A Seesaw app is available to download from your devices app store, which makes the log in process and posting of items, extremely easy. It would be advisable to make note of these passwords somewhere at home.

## **Absences**

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please fill in the 'Absence Form' on the homepage of the school website (see the green box). The school is required by law to report unexplained absences, frequent absences or late arrivals to school to the Education Welfare Office, who will investigate the report.

## **Before returning to school**

If your child has been absent from school, please ensure that you have completed the 'Return to school declaration form' prior to their return. You can access this on the homepage of the school website (see green box). This form needs to be filled in every time your child is absent from school or if a child is sent home early from school if feeling unwell but are well enough to then return the following day.

We ask that you exercise extreme caution and seek advice from your GP if your child is in any way unwell.

## **Creative Clusters**

We are very excited about our new journey with Creative Clusters. The children from 2nd to 5th class began ukulele lessons on Thursday 23rd under the tuition of ukulele teacher, Christine Deady. These lessons will continue for a period of eight weeks.

## **Our polytunnel and Green Schools**

Our raised beds have been flourishing. We plan to use some of the produce in the coming weeks and put our baking and cooking skills to the test. We are extremely thankful to William Tindal for his guidance and support.

St Multose N.S. is a Green School and through this initiative has been awarded 5 flags to date in the following areas:

- 1. Litter/Waste & Recycling**
- 2. Energy**
- 3. Water**
- 4. Travel**
- 5. Biodiversity**

From local to the global...

St. Multose is hoping to achieve our sixth green flag over the next two years. The theme of this flag is Global Citizenship - Litter and Waste.

Keep an eye on the website for updates and plans for the coming weeks and months.

## **Donations - Síológa**

Many thanks to those of you who have donated items to our new classroom, Síológa. All donations are very much appreciated. If you think you have something which may be a valuable addition, please send an email to the school for the attention of Ms Nestor.

### **Parent-teacher meetings**

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, parents are still not allowed into the school building. Only under exceptional circumstances can a face-to-face appointment be made and only through, and with the permission of the school principal.

Formal Parent - Teacher meetings will take place from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the afternoons via phone call or video call. Please contact the office over the coming fortnight to arrange a suitable time with Sue, our school secretary.

Our secretary's working hours are from 9:00am – 11:30am. Unless it is an emergency, please avoid ringing the school phone from 11:30am – 2:30pm. As a teaching principal, answering the phone can take from valuable teaching and learning time. We are happy to accept phone calls from 8:30am – 11:30am and again after 2:30pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Primary Language Curriculum**

#### **Training: Friday 15th October**

The school will close at 12pm to facilitate staff training in the delivery and implementation of the new Primary Language Curriculum.

### **Dates for your diary:**

Hallowe'en Dress Up: Friday 22nd October

Theme: Animals (with a Hallowe'en twist, if you wish!)

Mid-term break: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October