



St Aidans National School Tallaght Dublin 24



Halloween Newsletter

3rd class news

Our new 3rd class are fully settled into St. Aidan's. We've had some very exciting weeks! We began using our brand-new Google Chromebooks, studying on our virtual classroom. We learned how to type, practiced Maths, learned about road safety and wrote spooky Halloween stories using Google Docs! How Cool is that?! We were also visited by Shamrock Rovers for football training and we used an iPad to control robots. That's right, ROBOTS! It is nearly Halloween so our 3rd class will be feeling festively frightening and dress up super scary for Friday the 22nd.

4th Class have been very busy getting to know their new teachers and settling into their routines since returning to school. Our 4th class teachers are Ms. Kenny, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Higgins, Mr. Moloney, Mr. Martin, Ms. Allen and Ms. Ni Tharpaigh and we also have our wonderful SNA's Ms. Doyle and Ms. Duffy. We are enjoying learning about feelings and friendships every week with our 'Friends for Life' programme. And 4th class pupils are loving the fun outdoor games and indoor coding with Shamrock Rovers every Friday. This month has been super fun with Spooky Skeleton stories, haunted houses paintings, making light up Halloween lanterns and other fun activities.

Our 6th classes have had a brilliant return to school. We have all settled down into our new, smaller classes and already the teachers can see the benefit that this is bringing to all the pupils. We have been working hard on reading, writing and maths but also enjoying art, music and PE. Mr Kelly's class have finished their first six weeks of STEAM sessions in Citywise where they have been working on coding, filmmaking, programming and robotics. We are ready for a week off after all our hard work this week writing Halloween stories and doing Halloween art! You can see a selection of these on the school app and website.

The Student Council is a group of students who get together every Thursday to think of ideas to help make St Aidan's a better school. Every year children get a chance to be the student council. You must do a speech and classes vote for who they would like. Some ideas that the student council have for this year are a Bake Sale, a survey to see what the students of St Aidan's would like, and a Friendship Week in November. This year's members are Isobella Cawley, Latisha Miguel, Brody Scully, Blayson Baptista, Jessica Keogh Ireland, Haliyat Kaseem, Nathan Ryan, Luke Joyce, Jered Asilumbu, Majus Raziunas, Hollie McKeown, Saoirse Fashola



The 5th class pupils had a great start to the year. We welcomed three new staff members to the 5th class stream: Mr Smith; Ms McBride and Ms O'Riordan. The 5th class pupils were very lucky to be the first year group to use our fantastic new astroturf pitch. We are currently using the pitch to play futsal, a modified form of football, set up by the FAI. The kids are really enjoying it so far. In class we have been learning all about the history of Tallaght, and we hope to go on a walking tour of Tallaght village sometime in November. This month we also elected members for the student council. The students that were interested in joining the student council had to prepare and deliver a speech on zoom to the three 5th classes. Staff members were so impressed with the standard of the speeches. Congratulations to everyone who took part, especially to the three new elected committee members, Haliyat Kaseem, Nathan Ryan and Luke Joyce.