



St Aidans National School Tallaght Dublin 24



Halloween Newsletter

3rd Class news ~ Like every other month in our school, October has been an extremely busy one! There were many highlights but one of them had to be our 3rd class trip at the start of the month. Joanne from Dublin Bus kindly brought all three classes out for the day. Our first stop was Corkagh Park where we had lots of fun in the playground for an hour. After this we hopped back on the double decker bus and were whisked away to the cinema at The Square. Here we watched Clifford the Big Red Dog and ate some snacks. We had a great day and everyone behaved very well! In class we are busy working on our multiplication in maths and we are also learning all about mountains and Our Family Tree. We have been busy drafting, editing and typing up our 'Spooky Halloween Stories' on our chrome books also for the class competition. If you walk down the 3rd class corridor you will see lots of beautiful Halloween art from pumpkins to scary paintings! In Ms. Commins' and Ms Geraghty's classes we have continued to learn our gaelic football skills in PE, it will be the turn of Ms. Kenny's class after mid term break. We can't wait for Halloween break after working so hard. See you in November!

In 5th class this month we have been extremely busy! Testing, testing and more testing! At the start of every year 5th class have to do 2 standardised tests and boy do they give the brains a workout! In History & Geography we have been learning about Mexico and the ancient civilisation 'The Maya' who resided in Mexico for thousands of years. We used our Chromebooks to work together in groups, creating a Google Slides presentation and presented our projects and learning to the entire class! In English we have been busy writing our Halloween Stories and publishing them on our Chromebooks and are hoping to win the coveted prize for the best story! We have also received two visits.... where we completed our RSE programme with Accord and learned all about internet safety and cyberbullying with Barnardos. Finally, the Student Council elections were held and lots of children campaigned to be the representative for their class. These candidates gave some amazing speeches and made some convincing campaign posters. Congratulations to Adam Igal, Adam Worth, Rayan Ahmed & Marshall McNamee for being elected as their class representatives.

4th Class Newsletter-October is such a lovely time in our school. Everyone is settled in to the new school year and routines have become well established. But there are always new things happening and events to look forward to! During this month we saw the return of the Mobile Library to our school. This was the first time our 4th class pupils could experience this service, which they all really enjoyed. Everyone got a chance to go inside and choose a book to bring home and read. The 4th classes were also very lucky to have the Tallaght IT Sports students come and work with them. Pupils were introduced to some new sports and were brought out to our pitch to learn how to play these games. There was super participation and the coaches were delighted with everyone. Some 4th class pupils also got to play in this year's first Basketball game of the season. Coaches, Ms. Bergin and Ms. Kenny were over the moon with the discovery of some great talent! In class pupils have been learning all about Italy and the Romans and have completed fantastic projects on the topic 'Friends for Life' has started in Ms. Bergin's Class. This is a really helpful program which enables pupils to develop some useful life skills, like focusing on the positive in certain situations and learning what to do when they feel a little overwhelmed or anxious. Halloween in St Aidan's is always great fun! The art displays from 4th class were amazing! This year to mark Halloween, the classes got creative with Mask Making and Spooky Story competitions. A big well done to all the winners!

This month 6th Class have had a challenging month in Maths working on Long Division, Fractions and Lines and Angles. Our 6th Class student council members attended their first meeting with Ms. Hartland where Bradley was elected PRO, Demi was elected Deputy Chairperson and Richard is chairperson! Well done to all, I'm sure there will be great work done this year. Mr. Martin and Ms. Gallagher's classes have both started learning instruments this month. Mr. Martin is teaching tin whistle and we have Robbie visiting every Monday for Bodhran Buzz!! We have really enjoyed writing our Werewolf themed Halloween stories this month as well as painting spooky bat pictures and designing masks!

Mr Smith kindly organised a historical walk in Dodder park, all 6th class pupils enjoyed seeing more of their locality! We had some really interesting visitors in this month speaking about important topics; Cian from Barnardos gave a very informative and engaging talk about Internet Safety. Joanne from Dublin Bus and our Community Gardai came in to remind us all about safety in our community at Halloween.

We hope all of our pupils enjoy Halloween and come back to us safe and sound after mid-term!