



St Aidan's National School, Brookfield, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

## Halloween Newsletter 2020

The Halloween Break is almost upon us. We are grateful to all members of our school community for their unwavering commitment to our continued health and safety. I would like to applaud the efforts of all the children for their diligence and enthusiasm in transitioning back to school in recent months. The application to proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette has been excellent. It has been a welcome return to school for the children. I would like to thank all staff members of our school team for their exceptional commitment and dedication to the children throughout the first term. Thank you to parents/guardians for your continued cooperation and support of school procedures as well as the care and consideration in relation to keeping children at home when appropriate to do so.

*Have a safe Halloween Mr T Hayes.*

All schools have recently ratified a new Admissions Policy. This policy will apply to enrolment in schools for the 2021/22 School Year and all further years. Amendments have been made to our behaviour policy. Both policies are available to view in the policies section of our school website.

### 3rd Class News

3rd class have settled in really well to their new school. We have been very busy over the last two months. We have started using chrome books to log into Google classroom and have also practised our typing skills. We have enjoyed G.A.A training with Dotsy every Monday. This week we have been busy preparing for Halloween making spooky masks, painting pumpkins, writing scary stories and drawing for the Halloween Art competition.

### 4th Class News

4th Class have been very busy this term in GAA with Dotsy, following the COVID rules, creating some amazing Colosseums and projects on Italy and France and they even enjoyed a brilliant European sports week! It's been hard to fit all that into just over two months but it's easy when you've such a hard working group as this years 4th class. We're all very impressed with how well they've adapted back into school and look forward to welcoming them back safely next week.



Hi, My name is Ms Doran. I am the new Home School Teacher in St Aidan's. Thanks to Ms Collins for all her work in the last 5 years I look forward to working with all of the families in our school community. Well done everyone! We have been enjoying school for 8 weeks and everyone has been washing their hands, practising social distancing and keeping their teachers and friends smiling through this time. Keep smiling and enjoy a safe midterm with everyone in your house. Every pupil will receive an Art Pack so don't forget to send pictures of your creations. The school HSCL number is 0830240639...I am always here to support...Happy Halloween

### 5th Class News

5th class have settled back into school life without any issues after their long time off. We had to introduce some new rules to protect ourselves and those around us and everybody tried super hard to look after each other. 5th class has brought us new challenges and the boys and girls have tried their best to succeed. We have learned loads of new things! In maths many boys and girls have mastered long division which we are all super proud of. Each student published their own spooky story. They have also been practicing speaking as Gaeilge and are improving day by day. As can be seen on our school app, 5th class are fantastic artists and have produced beautiful paintings and prints over the last two months. This month we also celebrated 'Black History Month' in our school. The pupils in 5th class studied Nelson Mandela. They were extremely interested to learn about his life and the struggles he overcame. The 5th class teachers are delighted to be back working with such an enthusiastic bunch!!



### 6th Class News

6th classes all had a fantastic return to school. Our students have been working hard and it has been great to see how enthusiastic and engaged they have been. Dummy Okeke in Ms Clingan's class published her first book on Amazon this month. You can find it on the school website. It has been heartening to see how well our students have settled into life at school under the new regulations and we are so proud of them.

They have been working hard with their reading, writing and maths and have been enjoying training sessions with Eoin from Shamrock Rovers on Friday afternoons. They are ready for a week off after all their hard work this week writing Halloween stories and doing Halloween art!

