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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this note finds you well. Just a few matters for your attention.

PARENTS' COUNCIL.

We had a great response to our Crazy Hair Day held in school. The children must have been up very early to style their hair in all the interesting and creative styles!

The Parent's Council have organised a fun activity for the month of October – guess how many sweets in the jar. It is €1 per guess and the winner will receive the jar of sweets at Hallowe'en break.

If you wish to be involved in the Parents' Council you are welcome to contact any of the committee members or myself here in school.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Our Active school walkway is now in operation. As previously mentioned this walkway was constructed by our Board of Management in an effort to secure the Active Flag for our school. It is a fantastic feature and enhancement of our school grounds. The children are very much enjoying using it – it covers the perimeter of the back of the school.

ABSENTEEISM

A reminder that you need to bring a note of explanation to your class teacher if your daughter is absent, it must be signed and dated. This is in keeping with the directive outlined under the Child Welfare Act.

LIVING OUR CATHOLIC ETHOS

October is the month traditionally dedicated to The Rosary. The children are learning The Rosary in school. It is a prayer that can also be said at home with the whole family. We pray that Our Lady will continue to watch over us in these uncertain times.

NUMERACY

This week-10th to 18th October is Maths week. Classes will be organising their own fun Maths activities within their own classrooms. There are lots of activities for you to do at home also – you will find loads of ideas on the website "Maths Week Ireland".

LITERACY

The children in 5th and 6th Classes enjoyed a Zoom session last week with the renowned author Judi Curtin. Thanks to Triona in Mountrath library for organising this for us. Reading is the foundation of learning. In the words of the famous academic Mason Cooley “**Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are**”. In these uncertain times it would be particularly beneficial if you encouraged your child to develop a love of reading. Our Board of Management are continuing to fund the Newsflash and Primary Planet magazines which the children receive every month. These magazines are full of interesting topical articles and fun activities.

FIRE SAFETY


Last week was Fire Safety Week. The theme chosen for this year is “Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. The children learned fire safety tips in school and we will be carrying out a fire drill in school this week. It is an opportunity for you at home to check your own smoke alarms and to discuss your fire exit plan with your household.

SCHOOLWEBSITE.

A reminder to keep an eye on the Homepage of our school website for Reminders/Latest News. All school letters are posted on the “For Parents” section of the website under the tab “General Notes Home”. Thank you Ms. Brereton for all your work in keeping the site updated.

All the best for now,

Slán go Fóil

 (Principal)
M/Rohan.