

September Newsletter



The new school year is now well under way and the pupils and staff have all settled in well to the new routines of school life. It is wonderful to say that once again the school is a hive of activity.

A Big Hello and Welcome!!



On the 30th of August we welcomed 75 wonderful boys and girls to our Junior Infant classes. Mrs Conachy, Ms. O'Callaghan and Ms. Mc Donnell have been working really hard with their new pupils to support them in becoming an important part of the Scoil Mhuire na nGael family. We also have had a number of new pupils join other classes in the school. We really hope that all our new pupils will be very happy here in our school.

We also welcome Fr Derek Ryan to our school both as our new chaplain and as a member of our Board of Management. We really look forward to building a positive relationship with Fr Derek and the Redemptorist community as they continue with their ministry in the Holy Family parish and our school community.

Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation

Heartiest congratulations to all our former 6th class pupils who received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, the 18th of September. Many thanks to Bishop Michael Router for presiding over the ceremony. We must also congratulate our 3rd class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 25th of September. The children did incredibly well and we are all so very proud of them. A big thank you must also be given to Fr Derek Ryan who celebrated the masses and ensured that all families and staff remained safe during the ceremonies.



Presentation to the Marist Community



Sincerest thanks to all the families who contributed to the presentation, on behalf of the pupils, to Fr Cormac and the Marist Community. Fr Cormac was presented with a Carrickmacross Lace Altar Cloth on behalf of the pupils. Fr Cormac was delighted with the gift and has asked that his thanks is extended to our pupils and families.

Halloween Dress Up



Our annual Halloween dress up day for our pupils will take place on Friday, the 22nd of October. Please avoid sending props in with your child's costume which may be hazardous and which could potentially increase the spread of infection if repeatedly touched by other children.

Nut Free Zone



We wish to remind pupils, parents and guardians that our school is a **NUT FREE ZONE**. Please ensure that all lunches and food sent into school with the pupils do not contain any nuts. This policy is to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils and staff.

Cycling Bikes on School Grounds

We wish to remind pupils and parents that all cyclists must dismount and walk with their bicycles from the entrance gates (front and back) in the mornings. At home time pupils must also walk with their bicycles to the exit gates before they can mount them. **Bicycles are not permitted to be cycled across the school grounds at any time during the school day.** This policy is to ensure the health and safety of all pupils and staff.



Parking/Respect for our Neighbours

I would like to remind all parents to please be mindful where they park. Please do not block driveways or entrances to our neighbours homes and to show respect to all at all times.



Annual Clothing Collection

We are currently holding our clothing collection. All bags of clothing can be dropped off at any stage this week, up to and including Friday and can be left in the new hall. Please follow the safety procedures in place for dropping off the bags of clothing.



Enrolment



If you have a child hoping to join us in Junior Infants for the 2022/2023 school year, the 'Application for Admission Form' will be available on our website from the 1st of October. The application form must be returned to the office with all accompanying paperwork by the **12th of November 2021**. Our school's Annual Admission Notice, Admission policy and the Admission Application Form can be accessed on the school website at www.bayestatens.com.

Art Competition



Congratulations to Annie Keenan, 6th Class, on her wonderful achievement as runner up in the Louth County Council Art Competition based on the theme of 'How We Walk, Cycle or Scoot to School Safely'.

Further congratulations to Viktoria Konopacka, 6th class, for winning her award for the Sight Savers Ireland Junior Painter of the Year competition.

Finally, well done to Jessica Evborokhai, 6th class, for winning her award for the 'Create a National Book Token Design' competition. Jessica's winning design was made into a book token for her whole class. Congratulations to the three winners and well done to all the pupils who took part. Keep up the good work!