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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and safe Halloween and are ready to return to the routine of school and homework for the next few weeks; it won't be long until the festive season is upon us!

WEBSITE

Please check out our website www.burrowschool.ie for news from our first few months at school where there are class updates and photographs too www.burrowschool.ie/classes/

All current information and special school dates are on the news page www.burrowschool.ie/news/

The website will be updated monthly and from January we will be directing you to the website to access our monthly newsletter. You will get a reminder email at the start of the month to check our website.

WELL DONE TO THE PA

The **PA raised €860** from their clothes collection – a great result from a great response. **Well done to Emily (1st), Síofra (2nd), Matthew (3rd), Julia and Charlie (Senior Infants) and Oscar and William (Junior Infants)** for bringing in the greatest number of bags and they were awarded a Principal Pass for no homework for a night for their efforts.

I'm sure you all agree the **Halloween Expo** was a great success and a really enjoyable event. It was greatly supported and attended and **Karen and her PA team** did a spooktacular job with tasty treats, face and nail painting, pumpkin

stress balls and a colourful display of Halloween Art work by the children. Thank you to the teachers for their Halloween inspiration! The Halloween art work looked lovely on the night. Looking forward to the **Burrow Fair on Saturday 9th December.**

BOOK FAIR



Thank you to all who supported us that week – though we were interrupted by the storm. I know the students thoroughly enjoyed Friday dress up as their favourite book character. Even our GAA coach had a laugh while he struggled to teach football skills to gangsta grannies, demon dentists, mad hatters and wimpy kids!

Book Character winners!



Thanks to Clifford the Dog for joining us on the day (aka Frank, Luke and James' Dad)



Just over €2000 worth of books were sold at the book fair and as a result of this marvelous response all of the classes received over €160 worth of book for their class libraries.





KAREN MCSWEENEY

We were delighted **Karen McSweeney** shared her new story “**Benson The Burrow Bear**” with the Junior classes. We hope to have this printed and for sale for Christmas and Karen has promised to sign copies and the proceeds of the sale of the book will go towards “rejuvenating” our back garden and a percentage will go to a childrens charity – nice to help others expecially around Christmas time when we are so fortunate to receive so much when some get so little. A huge thank you to Karen for writing this special book and for sharing it with us and allowing it to go to print on behalf of The Burrow school. We are so fortunate – I don’t know any other school which has a Bear as a student! More information on this will be given closer to the time.

2nd Class listening attentively to Karen



BEACH CLEAN

On Thursday the 25th of October, **Patrick Jackson** and environmentalist **Rebecca Flanagan** came in to **6th class** to focus on two main environmental activities for the day.



In the first activity with Rebecca, the children learned about nurdles. Nurdles are pre-production plastic pellets that have made their way onto Burrow Beach from shipment boats. They are littering the beach and are actually killing the wildlife when they eat them. 6th class were set with a challenge to collect as many nurdles as they could in glass containers. When they came back to the classroom they weighed them using scientific weighing scales to figure out how many nurdles had been collected. Altogether over 10,000 were collected! As interactive homework, the class then recorded their results on www.seasustainability.com.



In the second activity with Patrick, the class went down to the beach opposite Santa Sabina. They walked the length of the beach and recorded the amount and different types of rubbish. This is to raise awareness of the litter issue in the lead up to the beach clean on November 11 at 11.00 am, meet on grass opposite St Fintan's Church, Sutton. They also composed snappy Twitter tweets to spread and raise awareness for the beach clean.

A great day was had and everybody did their part. Remember, *Leave No Trace!* **Amber and Luca** have been invited to participate in an interview **on Near FM** tomorrow **8th November** to talk about what they learnt and share their discoveries to the nation.

SPORTS



Well done to our **Basketball** league team players who had a very successful tournament and we look forward to every basketball player playing in the **National Basketball Arena** in **December** (during school time & and transport will be provided).



4th and 5th classes participated in the local tag rugby blitz on Friday 27th October at Suttonians. They completed a 4 week block of training with Aiden so thanks to him for organising the blitz and Leinster Rugby too!



Burrow Bits

Some students in **6th class** enjoyed playing the drums at Christ Church annual service.



All students have 24/7 Insurance cover (paid for at the start of the year included in the classroom requirements). No matter where or when the accident occurs, your child is insured and you can claim back expenses incurred by completing an insurance form, available from the office.

Thanks to **Janette Penny** for her weekly Pilates instruction. 4th and 6th enjoyed their sessions and **1st and 3rd will** be doing Pilates this term. Thank you to the Board of Management for funding this activity.

In light of the recent 2 day school closure by the **Minister Richard Bruton** on behalf of the Department of Education and Skills, I just want to reiterate that we have no choice but to close on his direction and with such blanket closures nationwide it is not necessary for me to confirm that The Burrow school will close – it is a given in such circumstances.

Safety at Supervalu. Please advise your children to take extra care when walking past the new Supervalu exit as visibility for the cars exiting is limited and they tend to drive out quickly; children should stop and wait until the way is clear.

DATES FOR DIARIES

Photographs are being distributed today – payment must be given to teachers by Friday 10th – cash or cheque payable to Thomas Dandy. Any unwanted photos must be returned immediately. Class photos for Junior Infants, 1st – 4th and 6th are €10 each and available from class teachers until Friday 10th. (**not €15** as per order form)

Science Week – November 15th, 5th Class have been invited to Baldoyle Library to learn about dry ice and complete a work shop making instant fizzy frozen yoghurt. They will be walked to and from the Library by their teacher.

Parent Teacher meetings – Thursday 23rd of November – Parents will be contacted by email with their times towards the end of this week. **School will close at 1.15 for all students.** Meetings in the hall are from 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Violin Concert Monday 11th December at 11.30 am in the Hall. All parents and friends are invited and classes **Junior Infants to 2nd** will perform.

Christmas Plays in The Burrow Hall on Thursday 21st December for these classes only:

Senior Infants 9.00 – 9.30 a.m.

2nd Class 9.45 – 10.30 a.m.

4th Class 10.45 – 11.30 a.m.

6th Class 11.45 – 12.30 p.m.

Full dress rehearsal for the school students on Wednesday 20th December

Carol Service Friday 22nd December 11am in St Marys Church. This service is led by **Junior Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th classes** but all classes join in. Children walk to the Church with their teacher and pick up is from there at 12 pm approx after the service for Christmas Holidays. **Everyone welcome to attend.**

*****School closed March 14th 2018 for staff training*****

Looking forward to another enjoyable, educational and active packed term.

Kind regards

Dymphna Herley