



# Burrow National School

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“And all at once, summer collapsed into fall”

Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents,

September has been a very busy month, with our new infants settling in, teachers starting with new classes and faces and everyone adjusting to the routine of “back to school”, lunches, homework and early to bed! (the latter for some anyway!)

## **Garden Celebrations**

The Burrow Students really enjoyed their “**Garden celebrations**” last Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> with a super obstacle inflatable and clown bouncy castle with slide, following the “cutting of the ribbon” by Canon Brew. Thank you to all those who supported us on that sunny autumn morning and who got to enjoy the Musicality’s group 1<sup>st</sup> performance (after 1 hour of practice the previous afternoon) of “What a Wonderful World/Somewhere Over the Rainbow” mix. A huge **thank you** to **Julian Thompson** for organising all the garden works over the summer and ensuring the garden was completed in late August. **Thank you** also to **Ms Swindell and 2<sup>nd</sup> class and** their “green fingers” in tidying up the garden growing patch after the summer and we are looking forward to reaping the benefits of our organic produce over the coming months.



### Sports – during school time

- **Pilates** continues for classes **4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes**. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will commence after Halloween.
- **GAA** continues for classes **Junior up to 2<sup>nd</sup> every Friday** morning with **Paddy** from Binn Eadair club in Howth.
- **Sports conditioning** with Fingal continues with **classes 1<sup>st</sup> up to 4<sup>th</sup> every Monday**.
- **Cricket** will start on **Wednesdays** for classes **3<sup>rd</sup> up to 6<sup>th</sup>** from **October 17<sup>th</sup>** for 6 weeks and then **after school from January to February mid-term break** on Fridays in the Hall / yard. Details will be given closer to the time.
- **Swimming** for **classes 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>** continues for another 6 weeks in PSLC.
- **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes** will be **orienteering in Malahide Castle** on Wednesday **10<sup>th</sup> October** as part of the P.E. curriculum (details will be given closer to the time).

## Applications

We are now receiving **applications for Junior Infants** and the **closing date** is **January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019** for those wishing to start school in September 2019.

## Green Flag



For our application for our **Global Citizenship and Litter and Waste** green flag we have to show that we are doing our very best with our recycling and waste. **Every classroom** (and the staff room) now has a **compost bin** for fruit peelings (except citrus) and of course this will help with our garden growing patch. The lunches the students get at school all look delicious but as we are trying to **reduce our waste** and reduce our bin charges etc may I suggest little food containers (labeled of course) instead of tin foil and extra wrappings.

## Mobile Phone Policy



The Board of Management has ratified an updated **Mobile Phone Policy** and this is available on our website. Should you wish your child to take a mobile phone to school I suggest you read this policy and complete the relevant form (available from the office). **As of October 12<sup>th</sup> no student mobile phones will be permitted on school premises** unless the necessary forms are signed and then the mobile phone must remain in the school bag for the day until the owner is outside the school gate.

## Up Coming Events this Month

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** - 4<sup>th</sup> class Baldoyle Library trip

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class – Orienteering in Malahide Castle

**October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Einstein Science show

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - Ten 6<sup>th</sup> class students going to school service in Christ Church

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Halloween Movie night

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** - School closed for voting

**October 29<sup>th</sup>** - Mid-term break – October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusive

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Parent Teacher Meetings please do your very best to keep this day free

## **Junior Einstein**

On 30<sup>th</sup> October during Halloween Holidays Junior Einstein will be running a one day science camp in the school. In lieu of payment for using our facilities they will be in on **Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>** to present a science show to all the children.

To book a place in the Halloween camp go to:

[www.junioreinstienscienceclub.com](http://www.junioreinstienscienceclub.com)

## **Thank you**

**Thank you** to **Ms Kelly** and her **marvelous 6<sup>th</sup> class** for a lovely start of year service in St Mary's on Friday last; a great way to start the academic year ahead. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance, I realise it was during the working week and for some of you but your support is greatly appreciated. The Junior Infants performed wonderfully with their buddies in 6<sup>th</sup> class and thank you also to the their parents for staying for the service and being part of a memorable occasion - time at The Burrow is precious and the 8 years just fly by!

## PA CORNER

### Burrow School Parents Association

Welcome to all new and returning parents to another school year at Burrow. Whether your child is at the end of his or her Burrow journey or the very start, we hope 2018/2019 will be a busy and successful year for you all – and we hope that our Parents Association social calendar helps to make the year even more enjoyable!

### **Clothes collection**

Our first fundraising event is a used clothes collection with Lenrec Ltd in October. This will take place on **8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October**, and clothes bags can be dropped into the kitchen in the hall on those dates – final collection will be made at drop-off on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Last year we managed to raise nearly €1,000 for the school through donating our unwanted textiles, paired shoes, clothing etc for recycling to Lenrec – let's try and beat it this year! Not only is this a great opportunity to do a big post-summer clearout, but it's also a fantastic way to get the message of recycling and land waste prevention across to students, parents and the community.

### **Hallowe'en Film Night**

To celebrate the spookiest time of the year, the PA is putting on **a special film night on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**. Bring along your carved pumpkin and don't forget to dress up – special prizes will be on offer for the best pumpkin and costume! Entrance for kids is €5, which includes popcorn and other goodies (no tricks, just treats!)

**6pm-7pm: Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Scared Shrekless**

**7pm-8.30pm: 3<sup>rd</sup> Class – 6<sup>th</sup> Class – The Corpse Bride**

**As usual, we need some parents to volunteer on the night to help out** – in particular, we need some parents from the older classes to supervise during the second showing, as we can't run such an event without adequate and suitable supervision. If you're in a position to help out, please contact your class rep.

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair, arguably the highlight of the social year, is scheduled for **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. Last year we launched the Craft Room, which was a massive success – so this year we want to make it bigger and better than ever! If you're a crafter and would like to make some crafts for the fair, please get in touch with your class rep. Handmade Christmas decorations were really popular last year – so get your crafting thinking caps on! Sneak preview – this year we're getting the kids involved so make sure to leave some room on the tree/mantelpiece!

### **Looking ahead**

Plus of course there's plenty more to come in 2019. **In February**, we'll be hosting our **annual Quiz Night**, **while in April**, it's time for the ever-popular **Aqua dinner**. And of course in **June, it's Sports Day** time again – don't laugh, before you know it, June will be here!

### **New faces always welcome**

If you would like to help out at any events or join the PA committee, please do get in touch. We rely on our volunteers to make our events a success, and to make sure the events work for every age group, it's important for the PA to have input from parents with children in all classes – so please do get involved! Email [burrowschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:burrowschoolpa@gmail.com) if you'd like to know more. Keep an eye on our website, [www.burrowschoolpa.com](http://www.burrowschoolpa.com), which will be updated very soon, for news, school information and much more!

**\*\*\*Closed for election : Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
Mid-Term break – October 29<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup> inclusive\*\*\***

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& the Burrow staff