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Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe that we are into October already – where did September go? Time definitely flies when we are busy at The Burrow!

Here is what we have been up to and what is yet to come... and a few gentle reminders....

I am delighted to see that the majority of our students with long hair are wearing it up in plaits or buns – we are desperately trying to reduce cases of head lice in our classrooms. Our uniform is a white collared crested t-shirt and Burrow sweatshirt so please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform everyday coming to school.

The school opens at 8.35 am to receive students. Please be aware that children are not in our care until this time so any children on the premises (yard) before this must be supervised by an adult.



Follow us on Twitter **@BurrowSchool** for updates and photos.

Violin - has commenced for classes Junior – 2nd. After school violin starts October 1st at 2.30 pm in the first class classroom.

Picker Pals with Patrick continues with classes 1st and 2nd.

Classes **1st, 2nd and 5th** started their **iPad** instruction for a six week term, focusing on Digital Literacy using the iMovie App.

Pilates continues for classes **3rd and 4th** for this term.

GAA – starts for **Junior, Senior, 1st and 6th** Classes on Friday 4th with Paddy, Games promotion officer.

2nd and 5th commenced their ten week **swimming** lessons in PSLC.

4th Class are doing six weeks of tennis at SLTC and classes 1st, 2nd, 3rd will be participating in this next term.

5th and 6th Class will be going orienteering on 9th October in St Anne's Park. Thank You to the BOM for funding the bus and the entry fee for this event.

Cricket – starts for classes **1st – 6th** in the yard with Michael from Malahide Cricket Club. In January he will run a 6 week after school programme, details will follow closer to the time.

START OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We celebrated the start of the school year on Friday 27th September with 6th Class assembly. It was great to see so many 6th class parents present and lovely that so many of you could stay for "coffee and chats" afterwards.



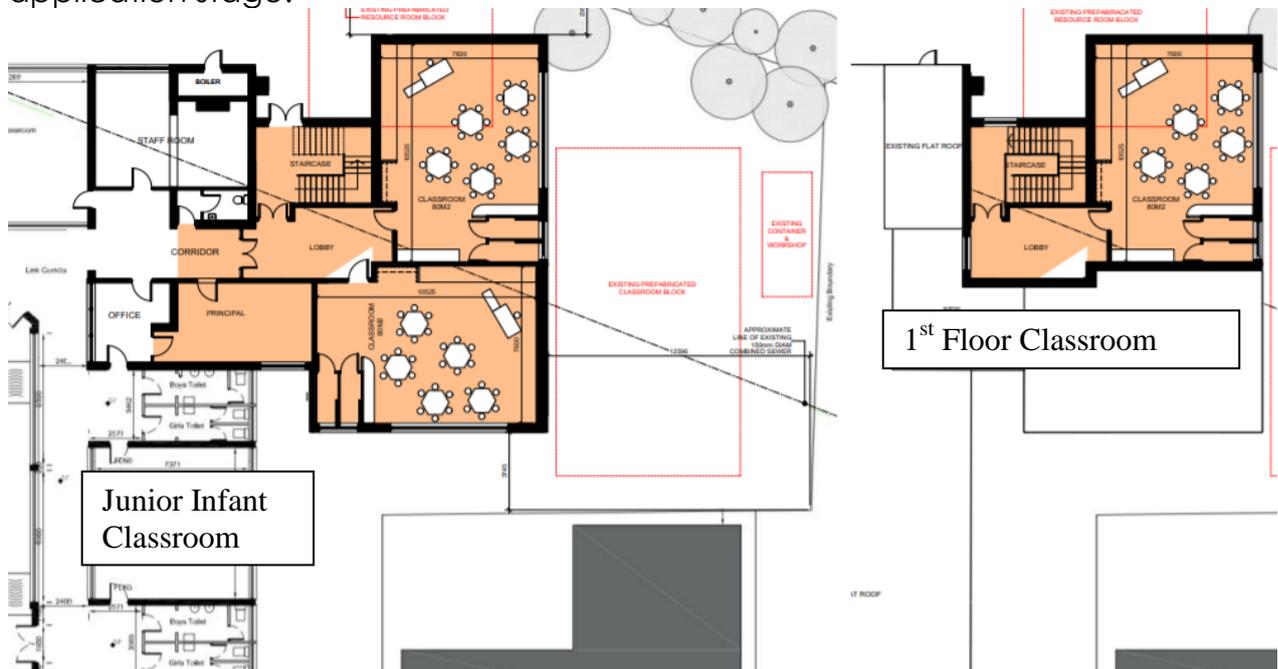
EUROPEAN SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

A huge thank you to Miss Ciara who organised lots of sporting events with the help of 6th class students for European School Sports Day on Friday 23rd September. Unfortunately the weather wasn't on our side, but the students enjoyed the sporty activities regardless.



BUILDING UPDATE

Our architect **Justin O'Callaghan** has completed a drawing for us – a great way for us to see what will actually be built. We are currently at the pre planning application stage.



JUNIOR INFANTS 2020

We are open to receive **applications for Junior Infants 2020** and the final date for acceptance of these is January 31st 2020 at 2.15 pm

SCHOOL INITIATIVES

Feet First Fridays – although we all enjoyed the silver sketcher and gold bicycle awards with Walk on Wednesday we have decided to introduce **Feet First Friday** and we will be encouraging students **to walk, scoot or cycle to school every Friday**.

Green Schools – We supported **Action for Climate Change** on Friday 20th September with a school photo at Assembly #ClimateStrike



SEAI

Sustainable Energy Ireland held three workshops in the school with Senior Infants, 3rd and 6th class. They taught the classes about Energy in different forms. They experimented with Energy and learnt how it was made, and how energy can't be destroyed but can change.

We are now preparing for our next green flag in Global Citizenship - Energy

Here are some fresh produce picked from our garden by our 6th class students.



THE LITTLE PRINCESS

On **10th October** M & M theatre productions will put on a performance of **The Little Princess** in the hall at 9am. This will be for the whole school and thank you to The Board of Management for funding this special event.

DATES FOR DIARIES

More details and reminders for some of these will follow in next month's newsletter.

- **October 1st and 2nd** – Bricks 4 Kids in for all classes in lieu of hall payment for summer camps
- **October 9th – 5th and 6th** Class Orienteering
- **October 9th** - Hearing and vision tests for Junior Infants
- **October 10th Parent talk** – on anti-bullying in the **hall at 7.45 pm** – all parents welcome to attend
- **October 14th – 1st and 2nd** class trip to Baldoyle Library for interactive reading with Ruben
- **October 23rd – School closed for staff training** (in the new language curriculum)
- **Friday October 25th Friday – PA Halloween Night** details of this in the PA corner below
- **October 28th – November 1st (inclusive)** School closed for Mid-Term break
- **Thursday November 21st: Parent teacher meetings** in the Burrow Hall starting at **1.00 pm**. We are giving this date well in advance so please keep the date free as it is very difficult to accommodate meetings on another occasion. **School closes for all students at 12.30pm**
- **December 1st** – new Board of Management takes up duties. Information about nomination and election processes has been distributed by email
- **Thursday 19th December: Christmas plays** by **Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th and 6th** classes in the Burrow Hall starting at 9am
- **Friday 20th December at 11am:** Christmas carol service led by **Junior Infants, 1st, 3rd and 5th classes**, in St Mary's Church – Everyone is welcome. Children go to school as normal on this day and are walked up to the Church with their teacher for the service and **must be collected from the church at 12pm for Christmas holidays**

ST MARY'S CHURCH CORNER



6th Class Confirmation Service – **May 3rd 2020** in Church of Saint John the Baptist, Clontarf. Canon Brew will be in contact next month with further details on this.

PA CORNER

Those days are getting shorter and ever so slightly colder – yet we can't quite believe we're already into October! Midterm is mere weeks away, but we have just enough time to get started with our Parents Association social calendar for the 2019/2020 school year – see below for our plans and upcoming events.

PA 2019/2020

Thanks to everyone who attended the PA AGM in September. We are delighted to announce the new PA committee for this school year – with nine people on this year's committee, we have parent representatives from every class in Burrow.

Chair: Penny Gray

Treasurer: Adrienne Warburton

Secretary: Jenny Leonard

Website: Aoife Collopy

Committee Members: Elaine Macauley, Robert Macnamara, Tanya Clarke, Caroline Hogg & Natasha Gibson

Although we do have a bigger committee than last year, this doesn't mean that we don't welcome help and ideas – we want this year's events to include everyone in Burrow, from the Junior Infants to Sixth Class, and to do this, we want ideas and input from every member of the Burrow family. We will be actively looking for feedback and help for various events – but please don't wait for the messages; if you have any ideas or opinions, please get in touch with any member of the committee or your Class Rep, or email us at burrowschoolpa@gmail.com

Clothing Collection

For our first clothing collection of 2019/2020, we are partnering with Bag2School, who pay us on the day of the collection. They also match 10% of the amount we raise with a donation

to Laura Lynn. Most of the clothing is sent and distributed in Eastern Europe, while the rest is shredded into raw material for use in products such as mattresses and insulation.

We are welcoming donations of clean used clothing, paired shoes, bags, belts and soft toys in the kitchen of Burrow Hall on Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd October at both drop-off and pick-up, and at drop-off on Fri 4th October. Bag2School will be collecting on the morning of Friday 4th October, so drop-off that day is the last time we can accept donations.

*** This is your opportunity to clear out the wardrobes and make some money for the school at the same time! ***

Hallowe'en Film Night

To kick off midterm and the Hallowe'en weekend in style, we will be hosting a spooky film night on Friday 25th October. We will be showing two films, one for the younger classes and one for the older classes, with a charge of €5 for each child (with a cap of €10 per family) – each child will receive a bag with popcorn, sweets and a drink. Tea, coffee, hotdogs and treats will be available to buy on the night for parents who want to stick around. The children's Hallowe'en artwork will be on display, and we encourage everyone to dress up and get involved in the spooky fun! More details will be revealed in the What'sApp PA groups nearer the time.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 30th November. Last year's Fair was a massive success, and we are aiming to build upon this success with such features as the fairground games and attractions, and Christmas cards and decorations designed and made by the children. We are also developing some new ideas, such as a gingerbread decorating studio and a kids' beauty salon offering hair braids, nail jewels and sparkle body art. We'll have more details in the next newsletter.

That's it for October – please do keep an eye on your What'sApp PA group for all the latest news and events. And get in touch if you have any ideas, thoughts or feedback!

As always if you have any questions/queries, big or small please contact the school directly. We will endeavor to help you in the best way possible.

Looking forward to another wonderful academic school year at The Burrow

Dynn Harley

& the Burrow staff