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Newsletter

Double, double, toil and trouble. Fire burn and cauldron bubble.
From Shakespeare's Macbeth

Dear Parents,

We've enjoyed a very busy first month back at school and though we've dealt with some covid cases, everyone is well & happy to be back in the classroom. The children have all settled into the daily school routine and are working really well. Junior Infants have completed a fantastic first term and will be getting their homework folders on Monday!

We are open today to **receive applications for Junior Infants** for September 2022. Please complete the application form on our website and return it to the office with all the relevant documentation **by 2pm January 31st 2022.**

http://burrowschool.ie/parents/forms/

ASSEMBLY

We assemble together every Friday in the yard at 8.55 am (weather permitting) to sing songs and enjoy some whole school activites. We discuss some school rules and celebrate birthdays too. 6th class led our assembly today – well done to Ms Johns and her wonderful students for delivering such a nice message to the whole school.

SPORTS AND MUSIC

- **5th class** have been enjoying their dips at **PSLC** every Thursday morning in line with the PE curriculum. They will do ten weeks of swimming instruction in total. We are hoping 2nd class can do similar next term.
- Paddy continues **GAA** coaching for classes **Junior – 2nd** on Friday mornings.
- **Basketball** is every Monday for **6th class** and every Tuesday for **5th class** in the yard from 2.15 -3.15 pm.
- **FAI soccer** coaching finished yesterday for Senior Infants and 1st class. Their coach will be in with 4th class next week to do Futsal-similar to five-a-side football.
- Classes will continue to do their **P.E. lessons outside** as the weather is still pleasant and it's good for the students to be outdoors.
- **Violin** will be back for a short term for **classes 1st and 2nd** during school time.

BUDDIES

6th class and Junior Infants have "buddied up" as have **5th class and Senior Infants** for the year. We're thrilled to be able to bring this back as it is so special for all the students involved and they look forward to doing some fun activities together, like the chalk drawings in the yard on Tuesday and their trip to the beach yesterday morning.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

Parents have been enquiring recently about bringing in birthday treats. If you want to drop in something nice to share with the class on your child's birthday, we suggest individually wrapped treats on the day of the birthday. **This is optional.** Just a reminder of our healthy lunch policy on our website for other days and **no hot liquids** are to be brought into school for lunchtimes.

CAKE SALE

Thank you to **6th class** for making some delicious home bakes to sell to the students. They raised €414 towards their school hoodies which should be delivered to the school and ready to wear in the coming days! Thank you to all the parents for their support whether it was baking or buying.

GREEN SCHOOL

We will be tuning in online next week for the Green Flag Awards for the Energy and Global Citizenship Litter & Waste and Energy. It's a brilliant achievement to be receiving this award. We will be proudly flying the flag on the flagpole as soon as it arrives. Well done to Ms Swindell and the Green School Committee for their constant dedication to this great cause. This will be our 7th Green Flag award.

Picker Pals continues for **classes 1st to 3rd** and well done to **Florence in 1st class** who features in the article from last week about this wonderful litter picking initiative that commenced at the Burrow a few years ago!

https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/all-litter-is-just-things-in-the-wrong-place-1.4670429

We started the **Walking Bus** this term, with fantastic numbers departing from SuperValu on **Friday mornings at 8.25am**. Thank you to **Ruth Quealy** for organising such a brilliant initiative. Ms Swindell and I will continue to be the volunteers for this week while Garda Vetting is being processed.

Please be mindful of the road works currently outside the school and ensure your child gets safely to the gate over the next few days.

4th CLASS TRIP TO HOWTH TRANSPORT MUSEAM

4th Class enjoyed the Transport Museum yesterday and thanks to Ms Craig and Ms Swindell for taking them.

Our new outdoor world map

SCHOOL ART

FUNKY FEET FRIDAY

WALKING BUS

UPCOMING DATES FOR DIARIES

- **Freaky Friday Dress Up for Halloween – Friday 22nd October (optional)**
- **Hot Chocolate and Cookie** fundraiser in the back garden – mid-November date tbc, weather dependant. €5 to be paid on Aladdin for hot chocolate & cookie (optional)
- **Parent teacher meetings** will take place face to face (with masks on) **Tuesday 16th** from 1.30pm and **Thursday 18th November from** 2.30pm.Teachers will meet with one parent only for a 10 minute slot in the classrooms (we will accommodate 1st and 2nd class teachers in the staff room and my office). You will receive your allocated "time slot" closer to the date, but please keep these dates free as it will be the only opportunity to meet with the class teacher and we will be unable facilitate you any other day. **School will close at 1.15 pm on Tuesday 16th to facilitate the early start for the meetings, and normal closing on Thursday 18th, as meetings commence at 2.30pm.**
- **Charity Christmas Jumper Day** – for Temple Street Children's Hospital – **Tuesday December 21st** €2 suggested donation on the day.

Best of luck to all of the 6th class students who are sitting the Sutton Park Scholarship exam on Wednesday 6th October

Please note classes 1st – 6th will finish daily at 2.15pm after the Halloween break.

*****School closed for mid-term break 25th October – 29th October*****

Lynn Harley
& The Burrow Staff