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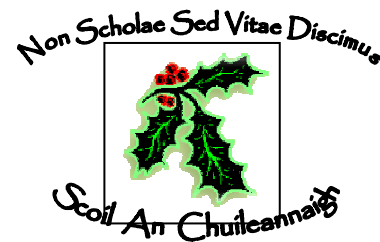
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Newsletter

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Our Pumpkins go on Parade in Killarney Town Centre

There are Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes adorning our school at the moment. My apologies to the many houses that have pumpkin seeds and skins strewn all over them but it's worth it and the children love it!

Final day to have your pumpkins at school is this Wednesday 25th October before 10:00 a.m.

Pumpkins will be judged by an independent assessor on Wednesday and the Prizes are as follows—

1 Overall Prize of €20

1 Winner per class of €5

The Good News — I have acquired a large window in the centre of town “**The Underground Café**” to display as many of our pumpkins as possible. This window is across the street from Sewells Pharmacy and was Sean Coyne's Premises until now. Our Pumpkins will be on show for everyone to see but the proprietor tells me that space may be a problem so she may have to be selective.

Get your Pumpkin Creations to us a.s.a.p.

Past Pupils : Night of Celebration

As a fundraiser for our school this year we will have a Past-Pupils ‘Tree of Light’ in the front of our school. Currently we are putting together a list of Past Pupils and their addresses.

On the night of Wednesday 6th December we hope to get Santa and Mrs Clause to turn on the lights on our ‘Tree of Light’. We will have music from the children and Parents have volunteered to set up a burger stand.

More details will follow closer to the event.

A section of the tree of light will be designated to deceased family members.

Families will have an opportunity to buy a bulb in remembrance of a deceased family member and this will be high



‘Digital Schools of Distinction’ Awards



Cullina School is working its way towards becoming a Digital School of Distinction. We are currently upgrading our website, engaging all pupils in a digital programme and upgrading our software. In order to achieve this award a number of tasks have to be undertaken and a number of new initiatives introduced and incorporated into our Curriculum planning.

Stay in touch with our Website and don't forget to click on our new drop down boxes.

It's a new era in education and we want to pursue I.T. as a significant and integral part of our School Curriculum and planning and embrace it. But, in the meantime, we must work towards it and present evidence before we earn and are accredited with the title “Digital School of Distinction.”

Parents Association Class Representatives:

A sincere thank you for your response to our quest for Class Representatives on our Parents Association. We will be in contact with you shortly after the Mid-Term Break.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Preparations are ongoing for the classes making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. I would like to thank Mr Conor Bradley for facilitating these meeting in our school.

Confirmation Tue 3rd Feb 2018

First Holy Communion Sat 28th Apr 2018

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Wed 22nd November
Thur 23rd November

ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ONGOING :

1. **Green Flag Awards** — We were very excited to welcome Christie from The Explorers Education Programme to our school in early October. The Explorers Education Programme aims to build on Ireland's marine and maritime heritage by increasing awareness of the value, opportunities and social benefits of our ocean wealth and identity. This is of particular interest to our school this year as we are working to achieve our next Green Flag on Global Citizenship Marine Environment
2. **R.S.A. (Road Safety Authorities)** — Cycling Coaches will be visiting 3rd class for some cycling. Workshops in the New Year.
3. **Shoe Box Appeal**—3rd class will once again engage in "Presents in-a-Shoe Box" for lesser

CONTRACTS;

Parents, Students and Teachers are being issued with I.T. Contracts.

Included with this newsletter is an I.T. Contract for Parents and Children to ensure a Social Media Security clause for all those using our I-Pads and Internet. It also highlights being safe on line. It ensures Social Media is used under supervision and responsibly while in our school

Cullina National School will close

for HALLOWEEN BREAK on

Friday, 27th October

at 3:00 p.m.

School will re-open on

Monday, 6th November,
2017

Junior Infants → **2nd Class** are currently engaging with their Aistear Programmes, their New Language Curriculum Programme and Station Teaching Initiative

Story Time Workshop in Killarney Library

A Story Time Workshop for Junior Infants in Killarney Library will take place next Monday followed with a hot chocolate treat in Papa J's afterwards.



Enjoy—You deserve it!!!

Siamsa Tire

On Wednesday **25th October 2nd & 3rd class** will travel to Siamsa Tire in Tralee

to enjoy the Musical

ALL SHOOK UP

STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council “A voice for Students”. Cullina School has elected its first Student Council by open ballot.

A Student Council is a representative structure through which students can become involved in the affairs of the school, working in partnership with school management and staff and parents. Some general objectives of a Student Council are as follows:

1. To enhance communication between students, management, staff and parents
2. To promote an environment conducive to educational and personal development
3. To promote friendship and respect among pupils
4. To support the management and staff in the development of the school
5. To represent the views of the students on matters of general concern to them

We have invested in special T-shirts for all Council Members. The next stage is to elect a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer from its members and to set out its main objectives for the school year 2017/18

Representatives from the council will be in contact with you shortly .



The Blue Star Programme is an educational initiative for primary school students across Ireland. The idea of the programme is to foster better understanding and knowledge of the European Union and how it affects the lives of Irish citizens among Irish primary pupils through classroom projects and activities.

In order to be awarded the Blue Star, schools need to carry out projects in relation to the history, geography, culture, creativity and institutions of the EU. Each participating school is required to carry out projects and tasks, incorporating elements that include information about the foundation and development of the European Union, the cultural diversity of Europe, what the EU does and how its work affects the lives of citizens.

The Highlight of this Programme is a visit from a well known Public figure who has an in depth knowledge of the European Union. Deputy Michael Healy-Rae has agreed to facilitate us in this matter.

Deputy Healy-Rae will be coming to our school on Friday 10th November. He will be speaking in depth to all classes about our European Union and will conduct a question and answer seminar. We are very grateful to Michael Healy-Rae for setting time aside for us and for penciling us in to his already very busy daily schedule.

Táimid Búiach duit (We are grateful). It will certainly broaden our horizons and increase our knowledge of the European Union and its members.

Further information is available on

<http://www.europeanmovement.ie/blue-star/>



PROGRAMME

Cullina School is a
Healthy Promoting School

A Health Promoting School is an Active School and that is why we are engaging in the “Super Trooper with Laya Healthcare” programme.



Máire Bn Uí Chronín

Príomhoide

