



20<sup>th</sup> of October 2022

## *Nuachtlítir*

Dear Parents,

I hope this email finds you well. Here are some news updates.

### Admissions

Our school admissions are open since early October and a link can be found on our website.

### E-payments

Many thanks to all parents who have used our new e-payments system, it seems to be working very well. If you have not paid yet, you can access the e-payments system through the Aladdin app.

### Parent teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place on the week of 21<sup>st</sup> of November. We will use the Aladdin system to book parent teacher meetings more details to follow.

### Department of Education Inspection

Last week we had a visit from our School Inspector, she visited a number of classes and spoke to the children and staff. She was very complimentary of the school and the children. She said it was lovely to see how confident the children were in their learning. These visits are affirming for us as educators and for the children in our school.

### Healthy Lunches

We will be reviewing our healthy lunch policy in the coming months. Just a gentle reminder to parents and children that treats are currently reserved for Fridays.

### Promethean Boards

The 4<sup>th</sup> classes trailed these boards and they found them very successful, we have decided to initially install them in the middle classes and gradually extend to the others. The sponsored walk raised enough money to buy two which is brilliant. We thank all parents for their support with this venture.

### Student Voice.

During the summer Damien painted all the walls in the school and left us with a blank canvas. We now begin the process of re-decorating the internal walls. We have asked all children in the classes to vote for quotes that reflect their age and learning and

these quotes will be the cornerstone for the environment moving forward. We will have a different quote in each corridor.

### Christmas Fair

We had a great turn out for our Christmas Fair meeting, it was wonderful to see many people return who have helped out for many years and also to see so many new parents willing to give their time. We have a team of people however we are always looking for more. Both schools will be in contact through November with plans and arrangements.

### Cake Sale/ Halloween Dress-up Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2022

Every year our Halloween Cake sale is beginning of our Christmas Fair preparations. The money raised helps to fund the Christmas Fair. This year 6<sup>th</sup> class will run the cake sale and will be in contact with you during next week. The Children can dress up on that day next Friday for Halloween.

### Website

Our website has been transformed and we are delighted with its new format, please take a look at it : <https://www.johnstowngns.com/>

Many thanks for your continued support and collaboration.

Kind regards

*Lisa*