

St Gabriel's Halloween Newsletter

6th Class prepare for confirmation

6th class had their service of light last week. They would like to thank their parents and sponsors for the support so far this year.

To see all the other exciting things we are doing check out our blog!

Halloween fun at St. Gabriel's

The children were super excited to wear their Halloween Costumes. They had lots of fun in their classrooms. However, the highlight of the day was the Halloween party in the hall, where they played games and danced to spooky music.

We are delighted all the children kept safe at Halloween and are all safely back to school after mid-term.

Maths Week 2017

St. Gabriel's took part in Maths Week. Lots of fun activities took place throughout the school.

Some classes went on maths trails and surprised themselves at how good they were at following instructions.

Ms. Kelly's class loved using the trundle wheel to measure the exact distance from one point to the other in the yard. They were also particularly good surveying the cars at

the front of the school, taking note of colours and car registrations.



Can you put 3450 into TH, H, T and Units?

Alex Smith from 2nd class said that his favourite part of the trail was trying to figure out how many rectangles were in his classroom. He counted over 60!!!

Dayne and Brody from 1st class played hop-scotch, and they were unbeatable at it.



The children had such fun that we have decided to enter into the Science and Maths Fair. We look forward to telling you all about it in our next newsletter.

CATCH UP LITERACY

Shortly, we will be piloting a literacy programme entitled 'Catch up Literacy'. As the name suggests, the programme is designed to help children develop more confidence in reading and enable them to be on a par with their class peers. This programme mirrors Reading Recovery in that children are given 1:1 support and intervention. We look forward to telling you more about this in the near future.

PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR PUPILS

The Board of Management would like to remind parents that they can take out their own Personal Accident Insurance for their children. This can cost as little as €6/€9 per pupil. Popular companies for Pupil Personal Accident Cover include, Brennan Insurance www.puilcover.ie and Allianz www.allianz.ie

Make sure you consider their terms and conditions carefully.

Just a few important reminders....

- Due to an English In-service day for teachers, the school will close on **Thursday, the 9th of November.**

- First Penance for **2nd Class, Tuesday 28th November at 7pm** in Assumption Church

- Parent/Teacher meetings will be held on **Thursday 16th of November.** The school will be open until 5:30p.m. to facilitate every parent/guardian.

If that date does not suit you, your child's teacher will be happy to re-schedule another appointment for you.

- Family Mass for **2nd Class, Sunday 26th November at 12:15** in Assumption Church