



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents,

We look forward to the children dressing up for Halloween on Thursday October 23rd. We ask parents not to go to expense and keep it simple. We would like to avoid a competitive element being brought into dressing up or pressure being put on children by their peers. In our school we will mark:

- The Feast of All Saints Day (November 1st): Remembering the Saints that have passed away
- The Feast of All Souls Day (November 2nd): Remembering all those close to us, that have passed away.

Enrolment:

Our enrolment process for the 2026/2027 school year is now open. Families wishing to apply for a place are asked to complete the formal application form, which is available on the school website or as a hard copy (being issued by post). Completed and signed application forms should be returned to the school office any time up to and including Tuesday, 11th November 2025, which is the strict closing date for applications. Please note that your child's original birth certificate must accompany the application form- this will be returned to you once verified. Original utility bills may also be requested at a later date as proof of address.

Parent-Teacher Meetings will take place during the week of 17th-21st November. Please note that students will go home at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November to accommodate these meetings. A scheduling notice will be sent via Aladdin after the Midterm Break, allowing parents to book their preferred time slot. SET teachers will contact parents individually to arrange meetings if necessary.

We have been assigned Niamh Morris as our Diocesan advisor. Niamh is coming to visit classrooms on November 4th for our annual Diocesan visit.



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We would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Ms. Mogan on her upcoming nuptials and wish her every happiness for her special day and the exciting times ahead. We also send our very best wishes to Ms. Rushe as she begins her maternity leave. We hope she enjoys this wonderful time with her family, and we look forward to welcoming her back next year.

Our Board of Management and staff wish all our families a safe mid-term break at the end of the month and a Happy Halloween to all the children.

Kind Regards

Lorraine Henry

Principal

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On Tuesday 7th October, the month dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, pupils from 2nd to 6th Class joined together for a Prayer Assembly on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. As part of the global "One Million Children Praying the Rosary" campaign, the children prayed the Glorious Mysteries for peace.



NOTES TO PARENTS

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HALLOWEEN EVENTS



We are looking forward to celebrating Halloween in school! On Thursday, 23rd October, children are welcome to come to school in costume.

- Please avoid inflatable costumes and costumes with extra equipment such as swords, wands, or other props.
- We especially love to see homemade costumes and encourage creativity!

MIDTERM BREAK



Important Dates

- Thursday, 23rd October – School closes at 3:00pm.
- Friday, 24th October – No school due to the Presidential Elections.
- School will reopen on Monday, 3rd November.

SCHOOL CLOSURES



Please note the following three days that our school will be mandatorily closed in order to complete Department of Education staff training in Child protection and Primary Curriculum in-service.

December 1st 2025: School Closure: Child Protection Staff Training

March 3rd 2026: School Closure: Primary Curriculum Staff Training 1

May 26th 2026: School Closure: Primary Curriculum Staff Training 2

The dates are added to our Aladdin School Calendar.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Christmas Concert Friday 5th December

Junior, Senior Infants & 1st Class: 10:30am-11:15am in the school hall

2nd & 3rd Classes: 12:45pm-13:30pm in the school hall

4th, 5th & 6th Classes: Candle Lit Carol Service at 6pm in the Church of the Annunciation.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 23rd May at 11am.

Confirmation: Friday 24th April at 11am.

SPORTS NEWS

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CYCLING FOR 4TH CLASS



Our 4th Class pupils have begun their Cycle Right training programme this month. This important initiative teaches road safety, cycling skills, and bike awareness in a fun and practical way. Well done to all involved for taking part with such enthusiasm!

CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETICS



Our Cross Country Athletics Team took part in events at Ballybrit Racecourse on 30th September and 6th October. Many thanks to Ms. Henry and Mr. Glavey for training and supporting the team.

The 3rd & 4th Class boys and 5th & 6th Class girls teams also competed valiantly in the Connacht Schools Cross Country Finals in Bushfield, Loughrea on Saturday, 18th October. It was a tough course, and all the children ran with great determination and spirit.

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HURLING BLITZ IN ATHENRY 



Well done to our 6th Class Boys' Hurling Team who took part in a blitz on Thursday, 25th September. A big thank you to Mr. Conroy for training and supporting the boys, and to parents Kate, Ruth, Eoin and Fergal for providing transport on the day. Your help and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

HANDBALL



On Tuesday, 11th November, the 6th Class pupils will take part in a handball tournament in Ballinfoyle with Mr. Conroy. The children are looking forward to representing the school and putting their skills into action.

They will be kept up to date with future training sessions and trials as the handball season progresses.

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SWIMMING



Well done to all the children from 2nd to 5th Class who have completed their six weeks of swimming lessons at Kilcornan Leisure Complex. The children made excellent progress and showed great enthusiasm each week. A special thank you to Alan, Mark, and Ciarán for their support and expertise in facilitating the lessons.

An Aladdin payment link was sent to parents on Thursday, 16th October. As the buses and swimming coaches now need to be paid, we kindly ask that all payments are completed by 21st November. Your prompt cooperation is greatly appreciated.

TAEKWONDO



We are looking forward to our planned Taekwondo lessons which will begin on Thursday, 28th November, with parent Ronnie Roy. The children are very excited to learn new skills in balance, coordination, and discipline through these fun and active sessions. The dates for these lessons are Nov 28th & Dec 3rd, 9th, 12th, 17th. The length of the lessons will be 45 mins at a cost of the €15 total for the 5 lessons. It will be a condensed course of lessons to coincide with Christmas schedules.

BASKETBALL



Our Senior Infants, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class students are thoroughly enjoying their basketball lessons with parent and Maree Basketball coach Eddie Forde. A huge thanks to Eddie for giving his time and expertise to support our students' sporting development.

CREATIVE SCHOOLS

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BABORÓ 



As part of our Creative Schools Programme, 1st–5th Classes attended the Baboró International Arts Festival for Children in Galway. The festival offered wonderful opportunities to experience live performances, visual arts, and storytelling, encouraging creativity through drama, music, and imagination.

- 1st–3rd Classes enjoyed the play Copiar.
- 4th Class took part in a Creative Workshop and visited the Galway Museum.
- 5th Class attended the play The Little Prince.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experiences, which have inspired great discussions and follow-up creative work in class. Events like Baboró help nurture our students' creativity and appreciation for the arts.

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ARCHITECTURE AT THE EDGE



An Architecture on the Edge event took place in Kilcolgan on Saturday, 11th October. Many thanks to Ms. Burke, Ms. Moran, and the students from Ms. Burke's 4th Class who took part in this wonderful community project. The children showcased their creativity and design skills, sharing ideas about how architecture shapes the world around us; a fantastic celebration of learning and community involvement. Thanks to parent Aoife Clarke for organising our involvement in this important sustainability project.

OYSTER DISPLAY



As part of Creative Schools, students took part in clay workshops last June, where they each created a clay oyster shell. The finished artwork is now displayed at the entrance to our school hall, celebrating Clarinbridge's strong link with the oyster. Many thanks to artist Claire and Ms. Moran for coordinating this lovely project. Andreas Riemenschneider is documenting the project "Sharing the Oyster"; where the theme is live, survive, thrive. The final film will be shared with our school and will be used by Creative Ireland and Galway County Arts. This new installation has given our hall entrance a bright new lift.

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SENIOR INFANTS VISIT KILCORNAN WOODS



Our Senior Infants had a wonderful time on their recent visit to Kilcornan Woods! The children enjoyed exploring the woodland environment, spotting autumn leaves, acorns, and different types of trees. They especially loved walking the forest trails and listening carefully for the sounds of nature all around them. Many thanks to our SNA's Deirdre and Monica and teachers Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Sylver for taking the children to the woods. This trip was a lovely opportunity to connect their classroom learning about autumn and the natural world to real-life experiences outdoors.

ARTIST VISIT



We are delighted to welcome artist Peter Bradley to our school as part of the Teacher–Artist Partnership (TAP) and our Creative Schools Programme. This project gives children the chance to work with a professional artist, explore new creative techniques, and express their ideas through art and storytelling.

Over the coming months, Peter will collaborate with children and teachers to create exciting projects that celebrate imagination and creativity across the school.

STEM NEWS

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STEM POWER HOUR



Our STEM Power Hour continues with 3rd Class led by Ms. Rushe, Ms. Dowling and Ms. Kennedy. The children are thoroughly enjoying every moment! They are engaging in a range of hands-on, inquiry-based activities including coding using iPads, exploring digital tools on Chromebooks, building and programming LEGO Robotics, and taking on a variety of STEM design challenges. Each session provides opportunities for the children to experiment, problem-solve, and collaborate as they explore how technology and creativity come together. It has been wonderful to see their critical thinking, teamwork, and resilience develop as they test ideas, make adjustments, and celebrate their successes. The classroom has been buzzing with curiosity and excitement - a true celebration of learning through discovery!

GALWAY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FESTIVAL

We are delighted that 3rd and 5th Class will take part in the Galway Science & Technology Festival on Sunday, 9th November at the University of Galway. Our school will also celebrate Science and Engineering Week from 10th–14th November, featuring a science show, STEM challenges, a visit to Galway Museum, and lots of other fun, hands-on activities!

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

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CLARINBRIDGE CAMOGIE SUCCESS



Congratulations to the Clarinbridge Camogie U12 Development Team on winning their County Final at the weekend in an epic match against neighbours Oranmore Maree.

The team was jointly captained by Ciara Boland from 6th Class and included many of our talented 5th and 6th Class girls from Scoil Mhuire. We are so proud of their fantastic achievement and teamwork - well done, girls!

BÍ CINEÁLTA

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We are very proud of our student-friendly Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) poster, which can be seen throughout the school. The poster reminds everyone of the importance of kindness, respect, and inclusion in our daily interactions.

Our Student Council visited all classes to talk about the poster and to discuss ways we can show kindness to others and how to seek help if someone is feeling upset or unsure.

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to promote a positive, caring school environment where every child feels safe, valued, and supported.