



Welcome to the first edition of the Piercestown Post for the new school year 2023-2024. **The beginning of school year newsletter included all of the 'housekeeping' procedures at Piercestown National School.** Now with all formal procedures and practices outlined, we consider this our first *official* newsletter of the school year. The 'Piercestown Post' for those who might not know it, offers an opportunity for parents, family members and the wider school community to get a flavour of what goes on school wise from month to month. We also list upcoming events, which allows us all to plan for various events and creates an excitement in the school for much loved events and new initiatives. Hopefully, it will offer you an enjoyable and informative read from month to month.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to all the boys and girls. We hope you had a great summer (despite the not-so-great weather) and enjoyed your time off. We have a new school year ahead with lots of different learning activities already in the pipeline. We wish you an enjoyable and successful year with us. Best of luck to our nineteen new role models – 6th class, as they begin their last year of primary school. I'm sure they'll make us proud, showing good example to all the younger pupils. They have already stepped up to the plate in their adaptability and flexibility by settling into their temporary accommodation across the road in our Scout and Guide Hall so well while we await our modular build.

Speaking of.....Modular Update

At the time of going to press, we are awaiting the arrival (with bated breath) of the engineer to draw out the site. The builder's canteen arrived on site last week with fence panels having arrived two weeks before, so we feel we are one step closer! The timeline of the modular build will be given as soon as ground is broken! We are very excited about the new addition to our school! Fencing is supposed to be erected early this week and a safety plan for our school will be circulated following this.

SET go technical thanks to or wonderful Piercestown Parents' Association

The SET team arrived back to an AMAZING resource of an interactive whiteboard (on wheels) thanks to our wonderful Parents' Association and the 'Family Fun Day' fundraiser that took place in June 2023. SET can now continue to further progress many of our digital resources in the smaller group settings. Many thanks to the PA for helping us to continue in our efforts to create more digital learners as per the primary curriculum framework.

Special welcome to our new pupils

A special word of welcome to all our new pupils. Twenty eight new Junior Infant pupils started school this year and are already getting settled in. We welcome six new pupils also in Ms Sinnotts class; four boys in Junior infants and two boys in first class. We also wish to welcome one new boy into 2nd class, one new boy into 1st class, and two new girls into 5th class. As per our 'housekeeping newsletter' we once again welcome our new members of staff, with one other new member of staff to join us post midterm. ****See below!**

We hope you all settle in at Piercestown N.S. and enjoy many happy school years with us. The staff at Piercestown N.S. would also like to take this opportunity to send their best wishes to 6th class of 2022-2023 as they are settling into their next chapter in secondary school.

Projected Enrolment – News**

With our school expanding and growing from year to year, we predicted that our staffing schedule (i.e. number of teaching staff) was due to increase in the school year 2024-2025 based on our numbers on roll on 30th September this year. However, the DES have a magic number for schools that grow quickly in a short space of time. We are delighted to announce, that as of Saturday Sept. 30th our school reached the 'magic number' to secure the 9th teacher back in November as opposed to having to wait until September 2024. This is amazing news for our school community. Normally, this teacher would be in a classroom and used to reduce a class size somewhere along the line, you may have heard some schools have a 'split class'. However, as we stand, already one room down, we have no room for this extra teacher. Therefore, we will use the teacher to offer team teaching in classrooms with larger populations to reduce pupil teacher ratio and thus further enhance the quality of teaching and learning. We are currently awaiting to hear from the Dept. if the panel for permanent appointments has cleared. If the panel is not clear, the school is

required to employ somebody from the panel. If the panel IS clear, the Board of Management will have the wonderful opportunity to go to open interview in the coming weeks for a new permanent staff member. This staff member will (all going to plan) be in situ by the time we return post midterm. As soon as we have news, you will be the first to know.

Upcoming Piercestown Parents' Association AGM – Date for your diary!

This Wednesday 11th October is the date that has been set in our diaries for the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting. Come along to hear all about our brilliant PA and their integral involvement in our school community. New members are always welcome. This meeting will also be an opportunity for Ms. Walsh to outline how the elections of the new Board of Management 2023-2027 will take place in the coming weeks. Ms Walsh will also be delighted to explain the practice of the projected enrolment and how this came about at this point of the year. Exciting times!

What happened during Summer 2023

Summer 2023 was scheduled to be a busy summer with the arrival of the modular. In the absence of the arrival of the build, the summer got even busier for Ms Walsh and the Board of Management who had to invent plan B. As you know, Plan B involved the temporary reconfiguration of the 6th class classroom to accommodate our current class for children with Autism, and the hiring and establishment of the Scout and Guide Hall as a classroom. While the build didn't land, thankfully Plan B got across the line in time for our reopening. Not only this, but 6th class and Ms Hearne's class are both blissfully happy in their temporary locations.....rumour has it they may not want to return to Plan A. Over the summer, PE equipment was upgraded along with reading materials from a library book grant. Many thanks to all involved in getting our school across the line for reopening just in time!

Discovering Drama

Discovery Drama with Olga is up and running once again this year. Classes take place on Wednesdays - Junior and Senior Infants from 2:00 to 2:45, 1st to 3rd classes from 3:00 to 4:00 and 4th to 6th classes from 4:00 to 5:00. For further information please contact Olga on 0876858457.

Start of year school bills have been issued

In Piercestown N.S. we recognise that returning to school can be an expensive time for parents and have therefore made every effort to keep costs to a minimum. This year, we were delighted that books, workbooks and copybooks could be funded by a grant received from the DES. In our case, we were able to further extend the provision of resources and a lot of resources e.g. homework folders, homework journals, playdohs etc. were funded too.

This year sees Piercestown National School continuing to work with you the parents to make life easier. This week, you will have received your bill and a link to your payment. You can pay from the comfort of your home/office/wherever you may be! Should people require extra time or wish to pay bills in instalments we are happy to assist with this, via an option on our epayments system. Full confidentiality is guaranteed.

First Confession and Holy Communion Dates Set

The much-awaited date was announced earlier in the month with the date for First Confession to be confirmed. Holy Communion will take place on Saturday May 25th 2024 at 11am in St. Martin's church.

Confirmation Date Set

Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday May 10th (normal school day for everyone all classes except 6th). Mr. Murphy and 6th class are very much looking forward to working towards this special occasion.

Rugby World Cup.....Do we dare to dream it?

The world cup has brought a wonderful buzz around the place over the last few weeks. Many classes ran sweepstakes (along with the staff!) to see who the winner of the tournament will be. Of course, we would all happily lose our sweepstakes country, if we were assured that Ireland were destined to win! We have been using the rugby to practice our lámh and I am sure that 'winner winner chicken dinner' was signed in MANY households over the weekend with the wonderful victory over Scotland. And so, we await the mighty All Blacks. With many of us being big fans of their 'Haka' and using it during Seachtain na Gaeilge at times, let's hope the dream will be alive this day next week. In the words of Walt Disney, 'If you can dream it, you can do it!' Do we dare to dream?!

Thank you to our former GPO Séamus Casey

We recently received a lovely email from the St. Martins' GPO and our school coach for the last three years, Mr Séamus Casey. Séamus thanked the school community for a productive and enjoyable time together over the last three years. We thank Séamus (and Suzanne) for their time, effort, kindness and inclusivity during his time as coach to our entire school community. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. In the meantime, our own coaches, Ms Hearne, Mr Murphy and Ms Sheehan keep our GAA alive and kicking making their way through Rackard league and mini 7's tournaments. We are currently liaising with St. Martin's too, in an effort to secure additional GAA coaching in the school. We will keep you posted as soon as any updates are available.

Assembly is back!

October 2nd was planned to be an unexpected school closure due to no ESB and water. But with the plans being postponed and everyone being on site, it gave us an opportunity to kick our monthly assemblies off! We welcomed Junior infants, Ms Sinnott's class and our new pupils to their VERY first assembly at Piercestown NS. This gave us an opportunity to come together, celebrate birthdays, revise our lámh signs and learn some new ones! In fact, at our senior assembly we said 'Hello' in no less than eight languages! To get a snippet of what happened at assembly why not go to our website www.piercestownns.com Assembly is a lovely opportunity to gather and see how our school community is growing and evolving over time! And of course, the much awaited 'Class of the Month' news was announced.....

Class of the Month September 2023

Drumroll please, the first class to receive the title of 'Class of the Month' for the school year 2023 2024 was 3rd class. Huge congratulations to Ms. Roche who is also new to our school and to all of the boys and girls in 3rd class. Their kindness and inclusivity in particular were one aspect of the class that got them over the line to claim their prize. Last Friday, they enjoyed their 'pizza party' (thanks Siobhán) and will use their homework pass on an agreed date with their teacher.

Chess is due to make its comeback!!

The beginning of October sees us prepare to enter 'Chess season' in Piercestown NS. Many classes have begun practising their moves and 6th class have been teaching 3rd class some chess tips in preparation for our in-school chess competition. The competition will kick off officially after Halloween and will see every child from 3rd to 6th class play between eight and ten games of chess before our Chess Champion of 2023/2024 can be crowned. Medal winners will also be crowned in each class and the school chess teams of the Masters (5th and 6th) and Buds (3rd and 4th) will be picked following this much loved competition. In October we will begin our 'Chess Club' one lunchtime a week where the children can choose to play chess in the hall during part of their lunchtime. Here they can pick up invaluable tips from other players or just challenge their friends to a game. So dust off the chessboards at home and get playing. REMEMBER 'Every Chess Master was once a beginner'!

Beginning of Year Service this coming Friday 13th Oct.

Now that we are all settled in, our beginning of year service will take place this Fri Oct. 13th at 11.30am in St. Martin's Church. This is a simple service of music, poetry and prayer to acknowledge all that is good in our school community and look forward to the year ahead. Many thanks to Fr. Aodhán for giving his time to our school for this enjoyable experience. The service can be attended, but there will be minimum seating due to the capacity of the church. You can of course join us virtually by clicking onto the churches webcam <https://www.ipcamlive.com/piercestownchurch>.

Jersey Day Friday 13th Oct

In previous years, we as a school community have participated in GOAL jersey day. This year, we are teaming up with our neighbouring school, Murrintown NS to do our jersey day for a different charity. This year all funds will be donated for Evan Jones and the Ronald McDonald Charity. Evan is a much-loved past pupil of our school and past pupil of the Rackard league team from both schools. We would like to be able to give something back to the Ronald McDonald charity on behalf of Evan. On this day, children are invited to wear any jersey of their choice! Keep an eye out on the

blog for some photos! If we make donations available online, Aladdin only caters for a minimum of €5. We therefore will also take cash donations as well for this jersey day so people are not under pressure to meet this online minimum requirement. Many thanks in advance for your support and we send our love to Evan and his family who have walked a very difficult journey over the last year.

Students' Council

We look forward to getting our Students' Council back in action in the coming weeks and electing two more pupils from third class to occupy the two places left vacant by our 6th class pupils who have made their transition to secondary school. Our Active committee are scheduled to get back up and running too with some active breaktimes due to take place during Maths Week 2023! Our pupils' voices are so important in our school and it is often from them that the greatest ideas are born! So, keep an eye out in the monthly newsletters to follow as we return to the format of including an input from our students!

School Photographer - Image Masters – CHEESE! -8th November 2023

We have booked our photographers into school on November 8th to take official individual photos of our newest members of school, Junior Infants and Ms Sinnott's class. There will of course be the option of siblings and junior infant photos too. As we completed individual and sibling photos for all classes last year, we will repeat this next year and instead skip straight to having the group photos taken for this school year. In this way, we hope to reduce costs on people, in the knowledge that individual photos are taken every second year should people wish to avail of them. We will send you a reminder text the week of the photographer!

Active School

2023 will see us continue our Active School status. September and October were due to see our rugby world cup highlighted with sessions for 3rd-6th class with Graham Barry from the IRFU. Unfortunately, due to illness and bad weather we have only had one session. We hope to make these up at a later stage. 3rd class have begun their school year with a 'splash' having started their 10 weeks swimming lessons. This is an important part of the Physical Education curriculum under the aquatics strand. While our GAA coaching is in an interim phase, it is not stopping the competitive season beginning with gusto in the second week of September. Read on ahead for some sporting updates as Ms. Hearne and Mr. Murphy, joined this year by Ms Sheehan fly the flags for Piercestown and Murrintown in the much-enjoyed Rackard league, Rising stars and Mini 7's tournaments.

Sporting update from Mr Murphy

In the past month, our Gaelic football teams have been back in action, and it's been an exhilarating journey so far! From intense matches to nail-biting moments, our pupils have truly enjoyed the return to the field. The Rackard league brought us some heart-pounding encounters. While we narrowly lost a close game against the formidable Shelmaliers to a last-minute goal, our determination shone through in the subsequent clashes. We bounced back with hunger, securing impressive victories against Oylegate and Barntown, showing that we never back down from a challenge and now move on to a quarter final Tuesday 10th October at 2pm in Rathangan. Our rising stars have been shining brightly as well. Facing off against Rathangan, we experienced the highs and lows of competition, winning one game and losing another. But our young stars didn't stop there. With unwavering enthusiasm, they triumphed over the Shelmaliers, demonstrating their resilience and potential on the field. In mini 7's unfortunately after two enthralling games against Kilmore and Kilrane in horrific conditions we were knocked out by Kilmore by a single score. All the boys got time to play and represented the school impressively. The lunchtime league finals taking place in the next few weeks plus a quarter final on the horizon it's a very exciting time for the GAA in Piercestown.

Sporting update from Ms Hearne

As we returned to school, it wasn't long before the chatter re Rackard League commenced. Only a week in and training kicked off in St. Martins pitch with all the girls from 5th and 6th in Murrintown and Piercestown coming together. 5th Class weren't the only new participants, we are also very lucky to welcome Ms Sheehan to our Rackard League team this year. With over 30 girls wanting to participate it quickly became clear that it was necessary to also enter in the Rising Stars competitions.

We began our Rackard League journey with a home game against Crossabeg, where we emerged as comfortable winners, having put in a great performance and with every player getting some game time. Next up saw us sending a mainly 5th class Rackard League team over to Glynn. Despite trailing by 2 points at half time, we emerged victorious by a goal. This was a great performance by many of our newcomers to Rackard League. Our first Rising Stars match saw us travel to Cushinstown. The girls showed their fighting spirit but were overpowered by a very strong Cushinstown side. We took on Castlebridge in our final group game of the Rackard League with Castlebridge having revenge in mind having lost out to us by a single point in the semi-final stage last year. It was a well fought game, with Castlebridge, with the aid of a strong wind, looking like the stronger team in the first half and we went in at half time 6 points down. In the second half we became accustomed to the higher standard and more than held our own and despite at one stage getting it back to only one score between the sides we couldn't bridge the gap and ended up losing by 5 points. We emerge from our Rackard League group in second place and qualify into the A quarter finals. The quarter finals have pitted us against Kilmore. This match will take place in Kilmore on Wednesday, 11th October. Unfortunately, qualification to the knockout stage of the Rising Stars competition was beyond us as we lost our final group game on Friday at home to Kennedy Park. It was a much-improved performance from first match with great work ethic on show and the improvement from game to game was really showing.

It has been great to see so many girls want to participate in the Rackard League and already we have seen us develop as a team and hopefully we can continue this journey and book our place in a semi-final.

Last Wednesday 13 girls headed off to Barntown to take on Barntown and Curracloe in round 1 of the mini 7's. They played Barntown in the first game and after a close first half the girls from Piercestown really hit their stride and proved themselves too strong. Curracloe, who also defeated Barntown, then stood in the way of progression to round 2. The girls had a great first half and lead by 2 goals at half time. A nervy few moments at the start of the second half ensued before they got a few more scores to ensure they booked their place in the next round.

We wish the girls the best of luck as these competitions enter the knock out stages. The skill and determination they have shown in the group stages and during every training session is commendable and we look forward to continuing to cheer these on in the hope of bringing another Rackard League or Mini 7's title back to Piercestown

Lunchtime League 2023

With Rackard League football season kicking off in early September, we also began our lunchtime football league. This competition is open to all boys and girls from 4th to 6th class. We have over fifty-five pupils taking part this year. They are split into seven evenly matched teams with some adapted rules to encourage full participation by all. As we navigate through the group stages, we can see the skills and teamwork improve game on game. It is also great to see them develop their leadership skills as the responsibility of what position they play falls completely to them as a team. A thank you must go to 6th class for referring, umpiring and setting up the pitch daily for this competition to take place. Who will bring home the Daithi Waters lunchtime league football trophy for the year 2023/2024 is still very much anyone's guess. We look forward to giving you further details as the competition progresses to the knockout stages.

Big Birthday Shout Outs - September!

We would like to wish the following children a big happy birthday: Emer, Conor and Alannah from Junior Infants; Oscar, Megan, Harry and Doireann from Senior Infants; Bobby from 1st class; Caoimhe, Chloe and Henri from 2nd class; Callum, Tom, Tess, Jamie and Ruth from 3rd class; Donagh, Ryan, Aodhán, Aoibhínn and Robyn from 4th class; Mia and Erin from 5th class; Lily, Isaac and Ava from 6th class. We hope you all enjoy your special day!!!



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Happy birthday dear Emer, Conor, Alannah, Oscar, Megan, Harry,
Doireann, Bobby, Caoimhe, Chloe, Henri, Callum, Tom, Tess, Jamie, Ruth,
Donagh, Ryan, Aodhán, Aoibhínn, Robyn, Mia, Erin, Lily, Isaac and Ava
Happy birthday to you."*

Big Birthday Shout Outs - October!

We would like to wish the following children a big happy birthday: Cormac, Alex, Matilda, Max and Seán from Senior Infants; Liam, Oran, Niamh and Oisín from 1st class; Tom, Oliver, Oisín, Elodie and Christian from 2nd class; Levi and Amy from 3rd class; Heath, Ciara, Eoin and Willow from 4th class; Nicole, Malachy, Kate and Joe from 5th class; Séamus, Leah, Cora, Leo and Rose from 6th class. We hope you all enjoy your special day!!!



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Spanish is back! And being rolled out in more classes

3rd to 6th class children ‘Say Yes To Languages!’

Following on from its success last year in 5th and 6th class, the ‘Say Yes to Languages’ programme returns once again and this year sees it expand to include all of the senior classes in our school. We were delighted to welcome back our tutor Montse, native Spanish speaker and parent of Dylan, Kayla and Nuria, who facilitated the programme last year. Pupils in 3rd, 4th and 5th classes will be introduced to Spanish over the next eight weeks and 6th class pupils will be able to build on their learning from last year, a timely opportunity given that next year they will be off to secondary school and a foreign language will be part of their curriculum. A fun approach is adopted through the use of games, activities and small competitions. The programme kicked off this week, with the first session highlighting the ever-increasing variety of languages that we are exposed to in today’s world and how language can connect us all. Indeed, many of the children could say hello in lots of different languages – Ciao, Bonjour, Aloha, Dia duit, Ni hao, Konnichiwa and of course Hola, to name but a few! Keep an eye on the blog to find out more in the coming weeks!

Halloween Fun! Costumes at the Ready for Friday 27th October

October brings with it so much fun. Already, the conversations of dress-up are taking place. We look forward to our Freaky Friday Walk which takes place annually on the last Friday before midterm. This year our Halloween fun will take place on Friday 27th October. What could be more exciting than seeing a parade of over 230 ghosts, ghouls, vampires and witches make their way from the St. Martin’s pitch down to our school. We will send more information on this nearer the time.

Primary Curriculum Framework – Next up is Maths!

The school year 2022-2023 saw all schools being introduced to the outline of the new Primary Curriculum Framework. With the last curriculum having been launched in 1999, it is timely for a revision of curricula. The last two years have seen a major focus and readjustment of both English and Irish, with the introduction of the Primary Language Curriculum. The school year 2023-2024 sees the focus change to the subject area of Mathematics. Circular 39/2023 gives an overview of the CPD and training that lies ahead. Ms Walsh and Ms Hearne begin the CPD this Thursday by heading to the Wexford Education Centre for the first leg of training with the ‘curriculum leaders seminar’. Accompanying this newsletter today, is a newsletter for parents with ‘Information on the new Primary Maths Curriculum’.

Thank you from Pat Quigley

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in Piercestown N.S for all of the kind gifts and well wishes that Bridget and I received in the build up to our Wedding Day last July. I was overwhelmed by the amount of good luck messages I got from parents at the school gate in the mornings and evenings in the lead up to the Wedding.

I would like to say a special thank you to all of the staff for their kind gifts and especially to Ms Walsh and Ms Taylor for organising a special wedding send-off for me in the hall. I would also like to thank 4th class for organising a great Wedding 'Hat' party for me. Finally, I would like to thank Fr Aodhan, the Board of Management, the Parents' Association and the whole school community for their generosity for thinking of Bridget and I on our Wedding Day. We really appreciate it. Thanks, Pat and Bridget.

Upcoming Elections for the Board of Management 2023-2027

As you may be aware, it is time for new Boards of Management to be put in place from December 1st. Before, I begin to briefly outline the constitution of the Board, I would like to formally thank the current Board of Management. While all Boards of Managements put in their time, the period from 2019-2023 was unique in that we experienced a global pandemic. This group of people, who volunteered to work on the Board of Management, went above and beyond to ensure the safety of our entire school community. They experienced face to face meetings, zoom meetings, late meetings, early meetings and many meetings above and beyond the normal remit. This was on top of all of the usual work by Boards of Management. Many thanks for all you do to ensure our school is the best that it can be.

A Board of Management is defined as : **the body of persons or the person(s) appointed by the patron to manage the school on behalf of the patron.**

A Board of Management comprises of eight people: two direct nominees of the patron, the principal of the school, one serving teacher on the staff, two parent nominees (one being a mother and the other being a father) and two extra members proposed by these six nominees. A governance manual of Board of Managements 2023-2027 outlines the role and responsibilities of the Board along with detailed outlines on the process and procedures. An Aladdin will be circulated in the next day or so about the procedure for the election of the parent nominees. I am also going to speak about the upcoming election of the Board of Management at the AGM this Wednesday.

Agreed report from the Board of Management meeting Oct 3rd.

The Board meeting took place on October 3rd and the following was the agreed report:

- The Board of Management wishes to welcome back all members of our school community, pupils, families and staff. A special welcome to all the new faces to our school.
- The annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement took place and the Board has adopted without modification, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary Schools (revised in 2023).
- The Antibullying policy review was completed and conducted in accordance with the Dept. checklist as outlined in the Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary schools.
- The Critical Incident Policy for the school year 2023 2024 has been updated and ratified.
- The Board of Management continues to work on the progress of the modular build.
- Elections of the new Boards of Management will take place in accordance with the guidelines in the coming weeks. Information around the election of parent nominees will be relayed in the coming days.
- The Board of Management welcomes new initiative of Reading Recovery this year as part of the SET.
- The Board of Management welcomes the return of the 9th mainstream teacher under projected enrolment for the school year 2023 2024. The recruitment of this position will take place as soon as the Dept. of Education has given the official go ahead.

A Word from the Principal

It is hard to believe that this is my tenth year at Piercestown National School. In ways it feels much shorter and yet so much has changed. Our journey as an inclusive school and a place for everyone in their local community continues to grow and flourish and our aspiration to continuously enhance our physical resources continues too. It was yet another busy summer, with the opening of our second class for children with Autism. It is hard to believe that is four years since our first class opened. We have gone from having a spare classroom back in 2014 to being at least one classroom short. But never to rest on our laurels, plan Bs can be just as effective and satisfactory in the interim period if they meet the needs of the children. I would like to thank the committee of Knockingall Community Centre for meeting me early in July and being so receptive of my request to source a suitable teaching space when time was against us in terms of the modular landing. Special word of thanks to Jack, Gordon and Wally who have ensured our day-to-day teaching space has been a perfect space for teaching and learning. I would like to thank you the parents and pupils for

being so receptive to change and supportive of our adaptations. I would like to offer the warmest of welcome to all our new families, we hope you have many enjoyable years with us over the next eight years. I give a warm welcome to our new staff, it is always so lovely to have new people who join the team and welcome back our 'old' staff who are as dedicated to our school as they were from the first day they started with Piercestown.

“Every child deserves a champion - An adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be” Rita Pierson

The staff of Piercestown National School are ready to be your children's champion! We can't wait to experience all that the school year 2023/2024 has to offer!

Dates for your diaries so far this year:

- Beginning of Year service - Friday 13th at 11.30am
- Jersey day for Evan and the Ronald McDonald Charities- Friday 13th
- Maths Week – Monday 16th- 20th October 2023
- Halloween Fun! - Friday 27th October (this is a normal full school day)
- School closes for mid-term – Mon 30th Oct.-Fri 3rd Nov. inclusive
- Image Masters 8th November 2023
- Science Week – 12th- 19th November 2023
- Parent teacher meetings - dates to be confirmed November 2023
- Confirmation – Friday 10th May
- First Confession – TBC
- First Communion – Saturday 25th May 2024