

## St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



### Autumn Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians & Children,  
We hope this newsletter finds you all well. All of the children have settled back into the school day and we welcome all the new junior infants and their families and also the new students who have joined Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes at St. Philip the Apostle this term too.  
Welcome All.



#### Hallowe'en Activities

We look forward to staging our **Annual Hallowe'en Dance-athon** for all our classes. This is a very important fundraiser for our school and we appreciate your support. This year we are fundraising for new costumes for our Christmas plays. Children have their **sponsorship cards** for fundraising. Please ensure children **do not go** door to door for collections. The Hallowe'en Dance-athon is on Friday 29th October and we encourage children to dress up in their **Hallowe'en Costumes** on the day too.



#### Hallowe'en Safety

Halloween is a time of great fun but we ask all our boys and girls to be aware of the danger of bonfires and also to take care on the streets while trick-or-treating. Halloween can be a very scary time for elderly people living alone and also for our pets. Dog can become very distressed and fearful when they hear noisy fireworks and bangers. Keep dogs inside where they will be safe. Please see the following website for staying safe at Halloween.

- <https://www.redcross.ie/blog/2012/10/four-top-halloween-safety-tips-from-the-irish-red-cross/>



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Assembly Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022

We look forward to welcoming back families to school assemblies this year. Our first assembly this year is the Hallowe'en-themed Second Class Assembly which will take place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 11.15 a.m. in the school hall. All parents and guardians of the Second Class children are very welcome to attend. We look forward to all the Class Group Assemblies this coming year and will keep you updated on their dates.



### School Activities

There are a wide range of activities and projects underway in the school. We will continue to update you on these via our Newsletters, Aladdin Connect & school website [www.stphilipsjns.ie](http://www.stphilipsjns.ie)

### Ballet for First Class!

Our First Classes are doing brilliantly settling back into school. Every Wednesday, our First Classes are taking part in Ballet Lessons with our visiting teacher Ms. Clare Connolly of Clare Connolly Dance and Ballet School ([www.clareconnollydance.com](http://www.clareconnollydance.com)). Next term she will be with our Junior Infant classes.

### Ukulele in Second Class!

We are thrilled to have Mrs. Sheilagh Fox, our visiting ukulele teacher back with us as part of our Musical Mondays. Sheilagh has been teaching our Second Classes Ukulele this half-term and next term she will be with our 1<sup>st</sup> classes.

### GAA in Senior Infants!

GAA at St. Philip's JNS with Coach Ms. Nicole Clarke, Games Promotion Officer at St. Peregrine's GAA Club. We are delighted to welcome Nicole to St. Philips who has been coaching our Senior Infant Classes every Friday this 1<sup>st</sup> term. It is a wonderful initiative and we look forward to continuing after mid-term with 2<sup>nd</sup> class.



### After-School Activities

This term the wonderful teachers at ST. Philips have started 'After-School Clubs' for the children.

- o Senior Infants – Ms O Hare – Basketball
- o 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Mr. Conneely – Lego Club
- o 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes – Ms O Halloran & Ms Flavin –Homework Club

A big thank you to all the teachers involved. We will continue to organize more After-School Clubs next term. We will always do our best to ensure all of the children get the chance to be involved in a club throughout the school year.

Don't forget to get involved with local clubs too:

- Mountview Boys & Girls Football Club
- St. Peregrines GAA Club
- Clare Connolly Dance & Ballet School
- <https://mfcysh.ie/community-groups/>



### Safe Crossing for Children on Mountview & Shelerin Road

We ask all parents and the school community to observe the KEEP CLEAR sections of road at both the Mountview Road and Shelerin Road Pedestrian Crossings. It is very dangerous if cars are parked in this area as it inhibits motorists to fully see our Lollipop Ladies coordinating the road crossings for children, and equally it makes it extremely difficult for our Lollipop Ladies to see oncoming traffic. We appreciate your cooperation on this important matter.

### School Policies

A number of School Policies have been updated on our school website. The BOM would like you to make yourself familiar with these policies. We will continue to add to the Policy Tab as policies are reviewed, updated and ratified. The Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and information notices with regard to the Child Protection Designated Liaison Person (Mrs. Molloy) and the Child Protection Deputy Liaison Person (Ms. Igoe) are displayed in the school reception area and have been posted on the school website. All feedback is welcome.



### Enrolment for Junior Infants 2023

St. Philip's J.N.S. invite parents/guardians to make an application for incoming Junior Infants – September 2023. Enrolment will open on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November by completing an enrolment form online on our website [www.stphlipsjns.ie](http://www.stphlipsjns.ie). The 2023/2024 Application Form can be found under the Admissions Tab. A Birth Certificate or Passport (to confirm date of birth) and Latest Gas/Electric bill with name and address visible on page must be uploaded to complete application.



### Confession & Communion Dates

Fr. John will advise us of Confession & Communion dates soon. As soon as we are notified we will update you.



### Frása na Seachtaine (Phrase of the Week)

- **Oíche Shamhna Shona Duit!** (Happy Hallowe'en!)
- **Bob nó bia!** (Trick or treat!)

*Wishing you all happy and peaceful Halloween mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.*

*With every good wish: Ruth Molloy & Eimear Igoe*