

### SCHOOL SHOP



The school shop opens every morning from 8.50am until 9.00am. We sell stationery such as pencils copies and rulers. We recently stocked up with Christmas headbands and decorations for the festive season. Thanks to all the children who support the school shop. Our profits go back to the school.

**Mia Monaghan & Savannah Mooney 6th class.**

### SPARE TRACKSUITS

We have spare tracksuits at school in case pupils need a change of clothes. Pupils can wear them home and wash and dry and bring it back to the school.



**By: Laura Barticel**

### HOT LUNCHES

The hot lunches have been up and running since February 2022 with great success. On cold frosty mornings, children look forward to a hot meal. I am in charge of the hot lunches and I would like to thank Julia and Leah Rose from Ms. Ryan's class who help me every day to give out the lunches to the children. Thank you girls!

**Jean Power.**

### CHROMEBOOKS

We use chromebooks for learning at school. I like typing club, maths playground and researching topics for history. We use the chromebooks on Wednesdays and Fridays. Sometimes we go on the school website at home [www.bernadettes.ie](http://www.bernadettes.ie)



**By: Deborah Mohamed**

### GREENSCHOOLS

We are working towards our 8<sup>th</sup> green schools flag – global citizenship: marine. Our class visited Portmarnock beach where we learned all about sandworms, mermaid purses and shark eggs. We also picked up litter because it is important to keep our beaches litter free so kids can swim there during the summer.



**Ms. Nolan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

### IPHONE WATCHES

Reminder; In accordance with the school rules, children are not permitted to wear iPhone watches in school.

### LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY



Some pupils are being collected early from school on a regular basis, missing out on some important classes. It is vital that all pupils attend school for the full school day, to keep up with the curriculum taught. The roll books are computerised and as well as recording daily attendance, the system also records the times of late mornings and getting off early. It calculates the number of minutes of learning a pupil has missed during the year. Please do not take your child out of school early unless absolutely necessary. Dental, eye tests & medical appointments are a genuine reason which the school understands. Our local N.E.W.B. Education Welfare Officer monitors the attendance in the school. She also checks the names of pupils who are regularly absent, late or getting off early. She can call parents to meetings in the school during the year to ask them to explain their child's absences and time-keeping.

### CRAFT CLASS

I have been attending the craft class for a number of years now. It's on every Friday from 9.00-11.00. That's two hours of "me time" on a Friday. Martina the tutor is very friendly and has great patience. I've learned so much from her. Every Friday the course gets me up and out and I look forward to meeting the other parents every week. We have a great laugh.

**Rachel Doyle**



### ACTIVE SCHOOLS

We like to keep active at school because this keeps you fit. It is good for your heart, your lungs and helps to build muscles in your arms and legs. 5<sup>th</sup> class did cycling with Don and now we are doing pitch and putt on Mondays. We do field and track running on Tuesdays. Others classes are keeping active too. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are doing boxing and yoga and 4<sup>th</sup> did swimming.

**By: Tyler Langan & Callum Perry**

## BOXING

We had lots of fun doing boxing every Thursday in the hall. We learned how to punch, block, jab and dodge. We also learned that you should always keep your hands up to protect your face. Boxing is a great way to keep fit.



Thank you to our coach.

***Séan Quinn & Brandon Do – 4<sup>th</sup> class – Mr. Troy.***

## ADVENT

Advent is a time to prepare before Christmas. The priest at mass lights a candle on the Advent wreath for every week leading up to Christmas. Advent began on Sunday 1st December this



year. In school we learned about the advent wreath and the five candles. The word

Advent came from the Latin word 'Adventus' which means 'coming' or 'arrival'. There are five candles on the Advent wreath. There are three purple, one pink and one white candle. The purple candles stand for Hope, Peace and Love. The pink candle stands for Joy and the last

candle (white) is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus.

***By Josh Reid, Carter Holmes and Jack Howell  
5<sup>th</sup> Class Ms. Mc Hugh***

## SUGGESTION BOX

Here in St. Bernadette's S.N.S., there is a suggestion box available where we can submit ideas we have for making things better at school. The suggestion box is located just outside Liz's office. We simply write our ideas on pieces of paper and pop them into the box when we are not busy doing lessons in class.

Mr. Ryan checks the suggestion box regularly and tries to put the ideas into practice, if they are reasonable! We believe the suggestion box is a good thing because it gives us the chance to have our voices heard. However, we also think the suggestion box could be improved if we decorated it – this would make it more visible to everyone at our school.



***By Alannah G. and Cora A.,  
6<sup>th</sup> Class (Mr. Molan)***

## LIBRARY VISIT - SPACE

On the 9th of October Ms. Foster and Mr. Troy's classes went to North Clondalkin library to learn about space. We walked to the library and the weather was nice and sunny.

At the library they had an inflatable tent for us to sit in. We learned about the planets. The man who was talking to us told us that if we look in the sky at night we look in the future! We had a chance to ask some questions at the end. It was very enjoyable.

***Jacie, Lily, Jade, Preston, Brody, Lion, Cayla & Colin – Ms. Foster***



## MESSY PLAY

Every Tuesday for five weeks, I went out with Ms. Lynch to messy play. We made play dough, clay statues, slime, liquid slime, our messy play journals and

much more. I got up so fast on a Tuesday because I knew messy play was



on. Messy play is so much fun to do with Ms. Lynch and Carol. Carol and Ms. Lynch were and are so helpful. I had so much fun with my mammy and all the other children and their parents. I love messy play and I love how we make slime and I'm so grateful for Ms. Lynch and Carol helping everyone do messy play and showing us what to do. Thank you Ms. Lynch and Carol for helping us and showing us what to do.

Thank you Ms. Lynch and Carol for Messy play.

***Emily Kaur  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class, Ms. Nolan.***

### MESSY PLAY

I attended messy play sessions with Gillian and Carol. My son Kade is now 4 years old and started the messy play last year. Since doing messy play it has really encouraged him with his creativity and imagination. My son Brody is now 10 years old and started the messy play last year too. He has loved having one on one play time with his younger brother and learning all about how to create different textures.

**Charlene Craig**



### MEDICATION

Many of our pupils have asthma or other allergies. If your child needs an inhaler or other medication, please ensure the school has been informed and has correct and up-to-date medication for your child.



### TRACK & FIELD TRAINING

This year 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class participated in Track & Fielding training with Niamh

Fitzgerald from Active South Dublin. It was for 6 weeks every Tuesday.

First we started off by stretching. Then we started easy with the small hurdles and built up to the tall ones. We practiced sprints and played some games. It was so fun. You never know, someday you could see us in the Olympics.

**Romey Collins & Mya Gilligan. – 4<sup>th</sup> class - Ms. Parnell.**

### CHOIR

This year Choir runs from 2:30 to 3:30 every Thursday. We were all so excited to start choir again. We were trying really hard to learn the Halloween songs like Grace by the Wolfetones and This Is Me from The Greatest Showman for Freaky Fashion Friday and everyone enjoyed our performance! We have been learning Christmas songs since the start of November, getting ready for carol singing in Liffey Valley on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30-1.45p.m. We have been working very hard to get to know all the Christmas songs. We have been learning Nearly Christmas, Merry Christmas Everyone, Jingle Bells and also Away In a Manger. We are very excited to sing in Liffey Valley again this year. We would love it if you could come to support us on the day!

**By Emma Leddy & Asya Aktunisik**

### SAFE HALLOWEEN

Hope you all had a wonderful and safe Halloween. Here at St. Bernadette's S.N.S. we had a lovely visit from the Fire Brigade, the DSPCA and on Garda Síochána on the dangers and awareness at Halloween and how to



keep ourselves and our families safe we learned drop stop and roll if costumes caught fire and of how quick we can get into difficult situations from costumes catching fire to fireworks going off the wrong way and making life changing complications for people and their families. Stay clear of firework displays and keep safe and also our beloved pets and how scared and anxious they get near Halloween. We learned lots of safety around Halloween and how to stay safe and enjoy ourselves.

**Pupils in Mr. Kavanagh's 5th Class**

### LIBRARY TRIP- ICE AGE

On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, Ms. Dillane and Mr. Kavanagh's 5<sup>th</sup> classes went to Clondalkin Library. We participated in the Ice Age Show by The Nutty Scientists. We learned about dry ice. Dry ice is colder than regular ice. You even have to wear gloves when touching it. You cannot

eat it like regular ice, you have to be careful touching dry ice as it's so cold that it can give you a burn!

We did multiple experiments, the first one we did was when we put hot water in a bowl of dry ice and it produced lots of steam, the steam was cold. The second experiment, we did was we put dry ice and hot water in a flattened bottle and it went back to its original shape. This happens because of the carbon dioxide released by the dry ice. The next experiment was when a few people put dry ice on a plate and got a metal spoon and when they rubbed it against their jumper and put it on the dry ice on the plate. It made a loud noise and it vibrated. The last experiment we did was the balloon experiment. The balloon experiment is where we got a balloon and put some dry ice in the balloon and then tied it and it grew bigger. Some grew bigger than others, we got to keep them. We had so much fun at the Clondalkin Library.

**Amelia, Maisy and Daniella Ms. Dillane's 5th class.**

## WRAP UP FOR WINTER



With the cold weather upon us, we would like to kindly remind all our students to wrap up warm coming to school and also to wear hats, scarves and gloves. You will also need these for yard times in the cold weather. **Adrienne Dunne**



## BOYS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On 4<sup>th</sup> October, the boys' football 5 a-side tournament was on in the Coldcut astro. When we got to the astro we had time to put on our boots. Then we got a warm up done and played our first match. Dawson was in goal and Lorcan was left back. Josh was left back and Tyler and Brody were strikers. Then Tyler found Brody for a through ball and Brody made it 1:0. Josh passed the ball to Tyler and this made it 2:0. We finished the match 2:0. In the next match we won 4:1 and we lost the third match



2:1. We got through to the semi-final and we lost 2:0. Everyone played great and we were very proud of ourselves. **By: Tyler Curran & Josh Carpenter**

## CONFIRMATION

Ms. Ryan and Mr. Molan's 6th classes will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, 28th May 2025.



## PITCH N PUTT

Our class went to do pitch n putt for six weeks. Last week we got to go with James, Michael and Dean. My friends and I were in Michael's group and I got the ball in the hole in 4 hits. We went to pitch n putt to help the CPM promote their academy. We really enjoyed it and it was brilliant.



**By Alekzander Castiblanco,  
5th Class Mr. Salmon**

## FREAKY FASHION FRIDAY

On Friday 25th October, we dressed up in our Halloween costumes. We walked down the fashion runway in the hall. All the other classes were there too. We went first and walked with a partner. It was so much fun. We were dressed up as a cowgirl and a witch. All the costumes were great. The teachers were dressed up as crayons and as tic tac's. There was Halloween music playing and each class had a different song. Our favourite costumes were the babies in 4th class!



**By Emily Ji & Eva-Rea Kavanagh,  
3rd Class**

## LIBRARY TRIPS

We walk to the library on Thursdays. We read books and if you like the books we bring the books to the librarians to check them out. The days we want to bring our books back, we bring them to the desk and the librarian checks them back in. We get to bring the books back for a week or two to read. We read the books at school when we have any free time. Rio's favourite books have been Ultimate Football Heroes. These books make you a better footballer.

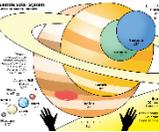
Immanuel's favourite books have been Bunny vs Monkey. These books are really fun and adventurous.

**By Rio Craig & Immanuel  
Ogundare, 3rd Class**

## WE LOVE DOGS



We have dogs at home. Their names are Turbo and Coco. Coco is half Chihuahua and half Yorkie. We love our dogs... sometimes! But dogs don't go to school. Turbo would run away from school! If they came to school they might cause chaos and chase other dogs. They might eat our homework! Dogs should stay at home.



**By John Stokes and Jim Kelly, 3rd  
Class.**

## YOGA

We do yoga every Monday in the hall. Our teacher's name is Jodie. I know Jodie from my dancing. In yoga we did the sun salute. It's not a pose because you do more than one thing in it. Yoga is fun. Kids yoga videos are on Youtube so we had tried it before. We got to play some games. At the end we lay on our yoga mats and we relaxed until break time.



**By Zoe Carr and Emily Elder, 3rd  
Class**

## LIBRARY -SCIENCE WEEK

First Jackson told the class his name. Then he read out the title on the board. The title was Regeneration Generation. Then he told us that he was from the UK, then he told us that he was a scientist. Then he asked us questions and answered our questions. Then he explained why some planets have life and do not have life. Then we learned about planets and dinosaurs and we did frozen photos that was in a toy shop and we learned about a good and bad outcome.

**By Emily Kaur, 3rd Class**

## OUR SCIENCE WEEK TRIP TO THE LIBRARY

His name was Jackson, he was a scientist. We asked him some questions. Someone asked him how dinosaurs died so he explained and got a few people up, including me. After that, we learned why the planet is dying. Then we did a small show of the planets. Finally, we did some freeze frames. **By Eden Mackey, 3rd Class**

## SEASHORE TRIP

We went to Portmarnock beach. We went with Mona from Explorers Education. We went on a bus. The bus drivers name was Alan. It was a cold

and windy day. We found mermaids purses. Mermaids purses are shark eggs. We also found crab claws, shells and lug worms. We used nets, shovels and a really big sieve. At the end we cleaned the beach with litter pickers.



We didn't find a lot of rubbish, it is a very clean beach. We were all tired on the bus home. We ate lunch on the bus. When we got back to school we wrote in our seashore guide workbooks. We had a fun day.

**By Kendall-Rain Grant and Lilly Glover, 3rd Class**

## IN TO WIN

'In To Win' is our incentive for promoting good attendance. Every child in the school has been assigned a number. On a random day each week, a draw is done in each class. A number is pulled out and if that child is in, they win a small prize. Well done to all our winners so far and a big thanks to Jade and Sophie in Ms. Foster's 4th class for helping to get 'In To Win' up and running!

**Ms. Grant.**

## GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On the 11<sup>th</sup> October, the girls' team went to play in a football tournament in the Coldcut. We all got changed in



school first and then left for the football matches. When we got there we put on our boots and shin guards and warmed up for a while. We played matches against different schools which were 7 minutes long. We were put in a group with 4 other schools. We played 4 matches, winning one, drawing two and losing one. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> in our group and 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the tournament. Well done to everyone who took part. It was a great experience. Thank you to Mr. Kavanagh and Sharon for taking us.

**Maisie Tucker, Freya Cleary and Emily Clarke.**

## SETTLING INTO THIRD CLASS

We are all settling in to the Senior School and getting used to being in third class and having a lot of fun. We really love all the extra activities such as boxing, GAA and yoga. At Halloween we had great fun at the

fashion show showing off our costumes. We really love to get green cards for our great behaviour and work in class and the Pupil of the Week.

**By Kendra, Ella, Tyler, Jake and Kayden**

## FIRE DRILL

As part of fire safety week, St. Bernadette's Senior School had a fire drill. When the alarm rang, we walked in our lines quickly and calmly to the yard. Teacher called the fire drill roll. After a while we returned to our classes again. Fire drills are very important to have in our school to make sure we are safe in case of a real fire.



**By Ella, Tyler, Kendra, Jake and Kayden**

## BOXING

We had lots of fun doing boxing every Thursday in the hall. We learned how to punch, block, jab and dodge. We also learned that you should always keep your hands up to protect your face. Boxing is a great way to keep fit. Thank you to our coach Jennings.

**Séan Quinn & Brandon Do – 4<sup>th</sup> class – Mr Troy.**

## GARDENS HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS

Joan from Heritage in Schools has spent 6 full days working with the children since we returned to school in September. They have worked hard at preparing our planting beds for the springtime. They have cleared the beds, added leaf mulch/compost (Thanks to Neil) and covered some beds with cardboard. Joan also included many different activities for the children to complete over the past



few months; they have explored life cycles of plants and the role of the bumblebee as pollinator. They searched for and identified different food sources for native animals on the school grounds. They explored interesting plants and insect habitats using hand lenses. They worked as tree detectives to discover what grows on the school grounds. A special thanks to the gardening team who always work so well together. Joan loves working with our pupils, they have been a credit to the school throughout this process.

**Ms. Burke**

## PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent-Teacher meetings were held this year on the 26th & 27th November. Parents were invited to meet teacher(s) to discuss their child's progress in learning and their behaviour in school. It was great to see so many in attendance this year. We encourage parents/guardians to attend where possible or to reschedule an appointment, if necessary.



**Ms. Mc Hugh**

## CHRISTMAS MASS

On Thursday 19th December, we will have a Christmas prayer service for the children and staff at St. Bernadette's. We are very lucky to have Fr. Hugh with us to celebrate this very special time of year. The children will bring up the gifts and read prayers. We will remember those who are sick and our loved ones who have passed away. We will recall the Christmas story and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas Day. Our school choir, led by Mrs. O'Riordan will perform some beautiful carols and perhaps some festive jingles to close the prayer service.



**Ms. Mc Hugh**

## CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Every year our school holds a Christmas Fair. It is lots of fun and is organised by 6th class. As part of the Fair there is always a Christmas Raffle and the prize every year is a Christmas Hamper full of lovely sweets and treats kindly donated by Glanmore Foods. On Tuesday the 17th December 2024 the Christmas Fair and the raffle will take place. If you want to buy tickets for the raffle it is €1.00 for one row and €3.00 euro for 5 rows. To see the winners please see the school website, twitter or Facebook pages.



**By Ava Dodd, 6th class**

## CONFIRMATION DATE 2025

This year the 6th class will be making their Confirmation on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025. We are all looking forward to this very special day and getting to celebrate afterwards.

**By Kevin Wall 6th class.**



## CODING WITH OURKIDSCODE

This November 6th class did coding with Grace from OurKidsCode. It was another great experience to learn

about computers and parents were invited to join us too. The project we created was to code a programme that would allow us to become digital orchestra conductors. We made a baton waver to wave in front of the computer for it to make a noise. The coding was all about sound. Before we used the computers we drew animals and Halloween decorations on paper, cut it out and stuck it to the end of a stick of cardboard to make our batons. Then, we made the animal sounds on the computers. We got the animal picture on the scratch code and programmed it so that when we waved the baton behind it, it made the sound that we wanted. After that we tried it out and Tada! It worked really well and we had lots of fun. It was a great experience.

**By Maisie Tucker 6th class**



### CODING WITH DREAMSPACE

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Ryan and Mr. Molan's 6th class did a coding workshop with Diana from DreamSpace who works with Microsoft. They used microbits linked to computers that they programmed using Microsoft make code website to make a light turn on, on the microbits. Some people even figured out how to make the lights multi-coloured. Maisie and I had lots of fun but couldn't get the light to turn on for us. It was a very fun experience and I would love to do it again. **By Leon Scott 6th class**

### CHRISTMAS PLAY IN 6TH CLASS - BRIAN THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Ms. Ryan's 6th class performed a Christmas play called Brian the Christmas Tree. It was about a grumpy old Christmas tree named Brian. He never wanted to be a Christmas Tree. It takes place three days before Christmas when all of the other trees are being sold except for Brian. Brian had lost all hope until a child and their father came and took Brian home and they all live happily ever after. We auditioned for the play in November and everybody was told what part they



would play. Then, we got our scripts and got to work learning our lines and practicing at home and in school. We made our own costumes too. Overall, it was an amazing play and we hope to do more plays like this in future.

**By Holly McNevin 6th class**

### WINTER POEM

Winter is here in the freezing cold,  
Receiving gold and not coal.  
All the lights shining bright,  
In the starry night.

Snowy days, no more school for a  
couple of days.

Waking up Christmas morning and  
getting presents to play.

Singing Christmas songs all day long  
while eating Christmas Dinner or  
watching the Toy Show.

New Year's Eve, counting down from  
10

Goodbye 2024 you have come to an  
end.

2025 we are patiently waiting for you  
to arrive.

We shall see you in a little while.

**Tori Gissane &  
Emily Grimes 6th**



### CHRISTMAS CARDS FUNDRAISER

Each year in our school, every child designs a Christmas card with love and beauty. All the cards turned out so beautiful and marvelous. Before doing the original card design, we practiced the design that we would make. Then we got the template and designed it. We drew and wrote on the card and used bright and vibrant colours. Ms. Ryan was so patient and helped everyone in our class. After everyone in school had designed their cards it got sent to the company to print. Once it was printed we could order as many packs of cards as wanted. I really enjoyed designing my own card and being able to buy a printed packet of my very own card creation. This was a fabulous experience and I hope to do it again!

**By Gabriela Buhaniuc 6th class**

### MATHS WEEK

Maths Week took place from 14th to 18th of October. The children enjoyed lots of maths games and STEM activities.



### OPEN DAYS FOR 6TH CLASS

A few weeks ago lots of kids from 6th class went to open days in Kevin's, Collinstown, Pobail and more. In all the secondary schools they displayed things for each subject. In the science rooms they showed lots of different experiments which were so cool. You get to see new classrooms meet teachers and get to know the school. I hope everyone had fun looking at all the schools!

I went to the Pobail and Collinstown open days. In pobail you walked into the science room and tried different of experiments like different coloured flames and lots more.

In the home economics room you got a brownie or cupcake of your choice baked by the students. In Collinstown you looked around like in the art room you saw lots of art projects made out of clay and paintings. You also looked in the P.E hall and it was so fun I can't wait to go to secondary school!

**By Emmie Gissane**

## THE CHRISTMAS FAIR

The 2024 Christmas Fair is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. We hope everybody enjoys it as much as the 6th class pupils. Sixth class pupils put together a raffle for around €1.00 for one strip and €3.00 for 5 strips, 6th are also putting together a bake sale with Mr. Molan's delicious brownies and some of the students will bring treats in also, a cup game that is played with a ping pong ball being thrown into plastic cups, pin the tail on the reindeer, and cup stacking where you stack cups into a pyramid, and unstack it for a prize. Everybody is looking forward to an amazing time and cannot wait for next year that will hopefully be as good as this year.



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**By Tadhg Ronan**

## TRACK & FIELD TRAINING

This year 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class participated in Track & Fielding training with Niamh Fitzgerald from Active South Dublin. It was for 6 weeks every Tuesday. First we started off by stretching. Then we started easy with the small hurdles and built up to the tall ones. We practiced sprints and played some games. It was so fun. You never know, someday you could see us in the Olympics.

**Romey Collins & Mya Grey. 4<sup>th</sup> class - Ms Parnell.**

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

On 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 St. Bernadette's, Mr. Molan's 6<sup>th</sup> class went to Rowlagh church for their confirmation retreat at 11:00 a.m. They talked about a few saints, one of the saints, Saint Damian had become a saint from helping lepers, who were people who had a sickness called leprosy. All the lepers in the world back then in the old times had to be transported to a small island in Hawaii. Saint Damian was not a leper but he decided he would go to that small island in Hawaii and spend his time healing the lepers wounds, but because he had gloves they didn't trust him so he took the gloves off to heal their wounds while being exposed to getting leprosy himself but he continued helping the lepers and teaching the lepers some things and he even set up a hospital! He taught them how to sing and they even set up a choir where they would sing songs but then he caught leprosy and sadly passed away after spending 16 years dedicating himself to the lepers. Then Mr. Molan's 6<sup>th</sup> class were finished with their confirmation retreat and went back to class. **By Molly Moylan**



**Confirmation**

## YOGA

Jodie O'Reilly, a past pupil has been facilitating yoga classes over a number of weeks. The classes are absolutely excellent and planned around the age ranges of the children taking

part. Jodie uses games, story and breathwork to ensure the children get the most from her classes. I'd like to thank Jodie very much for giving generously of her time to our school.



**Gillian Lynch, HSCL**

## BOILER HOUSE DOORS



Ms. Martina Kirwan (Facebook, Art in the Shed) worked hard with parents and children to create a colourful meadow on what were once very dull, boiler house doors. The artwork is so bright and colourful and is a wonderful addition to our school campus.

**Gillian Lynch, HSCL.**

## HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN

### COMPETITION

The pumpkin carving competition did not disappoint this year. We had pumpkins wearing braces and wigs, Olaf showed up and a self-care



pumpkin wearing a shower cap and cucumber eyes. Thank you to the parents who obviously helped their children to create their entries.

**Gillian Lynch, HSCL.**

## FREAKY FASHION FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.

The atmosphere in the school was absolutely amazing on Freaky Fashion Friday. The children put



great effort and verve into creating the best costumes we have ever seen. A claw machine and a Canon camera were just two creations that really were amazing costumes. Great fun was had as the children strutted down the catwalk. **Gillian Lynch, HSCL.**

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR PUPILS

This Christmas St. Bernadette's S.N.S. is delighted to have a Christmas



annual ordered for all our pupils. The Christmas annual is produced and printed in Ireland and there will be lots of activities to enjoy completing over the festive season.

*Deirdre Dunne*

### TURNING ON THE CHRISTMAS

#### TREE LIGHTS

Thanks to all the pupils who helped to decorate the Christmas tree in the hall – I'm sure you'll agree that they did a brilliant job.....well done!!! Great excitement at 3rd & 4th class assembly on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 as the Christmas lights were lit on the Christmas tree. The honour this year went to Cara Quinn & Darragh Garvey Griffin, the youngest girl & boy in the school 🎄🍊🍌!



### ATTENDANCE

Parents & Guardians, as you are aware, under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000, schools are obliged to maintain a record of the attendance of students and are legally obliged to refer cases to Tusla where a student misses more than 20 days at school. Where pupils are absent due to illness or urgent family reason and the school has been informed by parent/guardian, the school notes such absences as "explained" when completing biannual reports to Tusla. Automated texts are sent from the electronic roll-book to keep parents and guardians informed when a child has an unexplained absence. You will also receive a text where your child has 10, 15 or 20 accumulated absences. Please inform the office through phone or email if your child is absent and please do not worry about explained absences. *Deirdre Dunne*

### SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

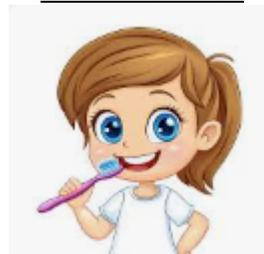
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Dear Parents & Guardians, the school website has information about our school. Weather updates and other information about St. Bernadette's S.N.S. can be found on the school Facebook page and on the school twitter account. Both are free to follow and you will receive notifications about current events and news in St. Bernadette's S.N.S. [www.bernadettes.ie](http://www.bernadettes.ie) @BernadettesSns

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*Deirdre Dunne*

### ORAL HYGIENIST



On Thursday the 10th of Oct. the hygienist came to talk to us about our teeth. They showed us how to brush our teeth properly. They had a big set of teeth made from plastic and a big brush. They stayed with us for about 25 minutes. They were really nice. They told us to brush our teeth at least

twice a day. Please remember how important this is daily !

**Maddie, Kyra, Jayce, Rosie, Ellie, Theodore, 4<sup>th</sup> Ms. Foster's class.**

### CHRISTMAS CLOSURE.

When the school bell rings at 12 o'clock on Friday, 20th December, there will be squeals of joy from students and staff alike as we all head home to enjoy our Christmas holidays. We will return to school in the New Year after a well-earned rest on Monday, 6th January 2025 at 8.50 a.m.

### SWIMMING

On September 3rd we started swimming. It was on every Tuesday from 12:45 until 1:30pm. We got a bus to Clondalkin Leisure Centre. The swimming lasted for 6 weeks. At the swimming we were split into two groups. We had two coaches, one for each group. The coaches were very good but sometimes they were a bit strict! At the beginning we were all in the small pool but on week 5 some children got to go to the deep end of the pool. Once they made the small pool bigger. We all really enjoyed our swimming lessons.

**4th class Ms Foster, Ms Geoghegan**

## CYCLE SAFETY COURSE

Mr. Salmon's fifth class students did a cycle safety course this October. We all learned how to cycle properly and safely! We learned all the different types of hand signals etc. The person who taught us to ride the bikes safely was Don. Don gave us funny nicknames like Nick and Sally. We trained for six weeks in total and on the sixth week we went around Greenfort! In the end we all enjoyed it very much! Thank you Don!



**By Georgia Shanahan**

## SMART WATCHES

In St. Bernadette's S.N.S. smart watches are not allowed because you can play games take pictures and record videos which can be a distraction to the other students but you are allowed to wear regular watches that only tell the time if you bring in a smart watch and you are playing it the teacher will take it away until the end of the day or tell you to put it in your bag until home time if you are playing on yard and it breaks or gets damaged it is your responsibility.

**By Kenzie O'Brien**



## HEALTHY FOOD MADE EASY

I'm half way through my Healthy Food Made Easy course with Joan Noels. I have loved every minute so far and have become much more aware when food shopping, looking out for salt intake etc. With having a large family, sometimes it's hard to make sure everyone is getting the goodness of the food pyramid but Joan has made some amazing and tasty meals that do so. I look forward to the next few classes and to see what other tasty meals I can cook up for my family!

**Amanda Norton.**

If you are interested intaking part in any courses please contact Gillian HSCL at [hscl@bernadettes.ie](mailto:hscl@bernadettes.ie)

## CLASSWORK

**Adelina Bacau, 4<sup>th</sup> Ms. Geoghegan,  
Ms Foster**

