

HALLOWEEN

Halloween is a time for children to enjoy themselves and have some fun. Unfortunately, it is also that time of year when many accidents happen, particularly accidents involving burns from fires and fire-works. The teachers will discuss and highlight the dangers to pupils. We also urge parents/guardians to discuss the dangers at home. Hopefully, this will ensure that all pupils return after the Halloween break unharmed and recharged, ready for the next term, on Monday 3rd November.



Jim Ryan - Principal **ATTENDANCE**

All schools in Ireland are bound by law to report absences of 20 days or more to TESS (Tusla Education Support Service). However, this does not generally result in any intervention if absences are genuine and are explained. If your child is unwell in any way, we continue to ask that you do not send your child to school. Please inform your child's teacher or the office by phone or email. You can also

use our website to send a message to the office about your child's absence.

Ms. Dunne

KEEP GATES CLEAR

Pencils were installed to highlight there is no parking outside the main gates. On occasions, cars have been parked alongside the pencils, blocking access through the big gates to the school grounds. Considering that there are over 500 pupils in the two schools we would ask parents to always keep the gates clear, to ensure student safety and to facilitate access for the emergency services entering, if required.

EARLY MORNING IN YARD

Some pupils are coming into the school grounds very early in the morning. The school premises are not open to pupils at this time and no supervision is in place. The Board of Management is not responsible for children's safety in the yard before/after school. Parents should arrange to drop off their children at 8.40 a.m. or after and collect them before 2.40 p.m. - within the prescribed 10 minute period after school finishes. On wet mornings the pupils will be allowed into the P.E. hall after 8.30 a.m.

Jim Ryan

GETTING OFF EARLY/COMING IN LATE



A small number of pupils are being collected early from school on a regular basis, missing out on important classes. It is vital that all pupils attend school for the full school day, to keep up with the curriculum taught. Please do not take your child out of school early unless absolutely necessary. Dental, eye & medical appointments are a genuine reason which the school understands. The local NEWB Education Welfare Officer, monitors the attendance in the school. She also checks the names of pupils who are regularly late or getting off early. **EVERY DAY COUNTS IN A CHILD'S EDUCATION.**

ELECTRIC BIKES

We have been informed by our insurance company, Allianz, that due to the increased risk of accidents or theft, we cannot allow e-bikes or e-scooters on the grounds of the school. We therefore ask students to not travel through the school grounds on this mode of transport. We are also asking adults collecting pupils not to use e-bikes or e-scooters on the grounds of the school. In summary, the Board of

Management have taken the following decision: The Board of Management have decided E-scooters & E-bikes are not allowed at any time to be operated in the school grounds.

B.O.M.

SECOND LEVEL TRANSFER

Second Level Enrolment, the application process for second level enrolment is now underway. Any completed application forms returned to the school have been forwarded to the relevant secondary schools. First round offers will begin soon. If you have not applied for a place in a secondary school yet, don't wait any longer. If you need assistance with the process, you can email hscl@bernadettes.ie or telephone 085-7630466. ***Gillian Lynch H/S/C/L***

ACCIDENTS & SPARE UNIFORMS

From time to time, pupils may have an accident in school or they may dirty their clothes. We have a number of spare, clean uniforms stored in school should this happen. If your child uses a spare uniform, please wash it and send it back to the school.



PUPIL'S MEDICATION

-Important Notice- If your son or daughter should require the use of an inhaler/anapen or other medications, could you please ensure you leave a full, up-to-date supply in their school bag or with their class teacher. It is advised to also leave a clearly labelled spare inhaler /anapen/medication in the office in case of emergency.



SCHOOL CREST

If you would like a school crest on your uniform they are available in the Secretary's office at a cost of €3.00 each.

Liz

PUPIL INSURANCE

St. Bernadette's S.N.S. has negotiated a Pupil Personal Insurance Policy with AIG Europe to provide financial support and assistance in the event of an accident to a child. Every year many children require hospital treatment following an accident. The Pupil Protector Personal Accident Plan is designed to provide financial support for parents to meet medical, dental or other bills that arise when serious accidents happen. The closing date for inclusion of your child in the policy is Wednesday 22nd of October this year. The cost is €5.50 for 24 hour cover.

Deirdre Dunne

THIRD CLASS PARENTS MEETING

A general information meeting for parents and guardians of third class pupils will be held this term. Mr. Ryan will welcome all parents and guardians and address issues such as uniform, mobile phones, medication needed for pupils (facility to store in school office), school closures & book money. Other issues to be discussed are the discipline card system, attendance and the importance of reporting absences to the office. Gillian Lynch (HSCL) will give information about parents' clubs and inform parents about her role as liaison and support to parents and families. Mr. Ryan will tell parents how to access the school website bernadettes.ie for  information. The website has links to Facebook and twitter pages. We are looking forward to meeting the parents and guardians of our new pupils.

<https://bernadettes.ie/>

<https://www.facebook.com/saintbernadettes>

<https://twitter.com/bernadettesns>

Deirdre Dunne

SUGGESTIONS BOX

We have a suggestion box in the reception area outside the school office. If anyone in the school community has suggestions, they can write them down on a form and place them in the suggestion box. You can sign your name or leave it anonymous. Maybe you have ideas for something that you feel could improve life in the school. Or maybe you would like to point out to staff how the school could improve on existing things in the school. Thanks to everyone who has already taken the time to place a suggestion in the suggestion box. Let's make the school a better one together!

CYCLING TO SCHOOL

Cycling to school is a great way for students to stay active. Our school has a secure bike shelter, so students can cycle to school knowing that their bikes are safe.



STUDENT MEDICATION

If students need to take medication during the school day, a spare one can be handed in and stored safely at the school office. This helps us ensure all medication is managed properly and that students receive the support they need.

Aoife Ryan

GLANMORE/DUBLIN BUS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

We went to the Glanmore/Dublin Bus Football Tournament on 23rd September in the CIE Club. It was a 7 aside tournament and we brought 8 players which included a sub. We played against 6 different teams we won 4 matches, drew 1 and lost the last match. We got through to the final but we were unlucky and lost out by a goal. We really enjoyed the tournament and the girls' team will be playing soon too. We cannot wait to bring a back a trophy to the school next year! *Tyler Curran & Jacksen Burtenshaw.*

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

The parent teacher meetings will take place in the school on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th November 2025. *By Cara Quinn, 4th Class.*

NEW PHONE NUMBER?

Keep us updated!

Dear parents/guardians, can you please make sure that we have your current mobile phone numbers? It is important that we have this information to hand in order to keep you updated on things that are happening at school. Thank you! *By Nevaeh Kenna & Emma*

Leddy, 6th Class



SWIMMING

Every Monday morning, Ms. Dillane & Ms. Ryan's classes go swimming in Tallaght Leisure Centre. We get divided into three groups, two groups swim in the shallow end of the pool while the other group swims in the deep end of the pool. We start by kicking our legs on our front while submerged in the water and then we move onto kicking on our backs with our faces out of the water. We learn lots of important skills like water confidence, how to float and scull. We practice our starfish position and mushroom floats. Monday 20th October is our last week swimming. It has been lots of fun learning to swim.

By Eden Mackey, Zoe Carr & Emily Kaur, 4th Class Ms. Dillane

OUR NEW SCHOOL



We started in St. Bernadette's S.N.S. on 27th August. Our teacher's name is Ms. Foster and she does lots of fun stuff with us. At the moment we are doing Halloween art. In our new school we have a school shop which we can visit every morning. Every week we get to use chrome books where we research different topics and write about it. Every Friday Martin comes in to do Martial Arts with us and it's really fun.

We have a bigger class now but we are with our friends. St. Bernadette's S.N.S. is really cool. Welcome to all our new pupils. **By Kiya, Kerry Ann, Sienna, Mariah, Jack, and Jace, 3rd Class, Ms. Foster.**

CYCLING

5th class pupils have been enjoying cycling lessons with Don every Thursday. He has taught us lots about road safety, how to put on our helmets correctly and more. He is great fun and very funny. Thanks Don for all your help! **Conor Costigan and Anthony O'Reilly**

CHOIR

The choir takes place every Thursday after school in Mrs. O'Riordan's room. She gives us juice and a biscuit and we have lots of fun singing our hearts out! We are learning songs by Oasis and Sabrina Carpenter at the moment. We also have lots of plans for the year ahead – stay tuned for more info in the Christmas newsletter!

Rosie Keenan and Sadie Walsh



THE SCHOOL SHOP

Hi I'm Sadie Walsh and I run the school shop with Adelina Bacau. The school shop opens at 8.50 a.m. every morning. We sell stationary items, bike locks and slime.



Throughout the year such as Halloween, Christmas and St. Patrick's Day we sell fun items such as Halloween and Christmas decorations and St. Patrick's Day badges. Our principal Mr. Ryan gives out vouchers throughout the year to students who show good behaviour for excellent work. Students can bring these vouchers to the shop and redeem them. All profits from the shop go back to the children. Last year we were able to get the ice cream man in twice. We would like to thank you all for your support. **Adelina Bacau & Sadie Walsh, 5th Class**

SAFE CYCLING

The children are encouraged as much as possible to cycle to school. At St. Bernadette's there is accessibility to not one but two bike shelters. The children can lock their bikes up during the day. It is of utmost importance that the children cycle to school using good behaviour. They should use cycle lanes where possible and adhere

to stop signs and red lights in particular. Every child should be equipped with a helmet especially in case an accident occurs. Cycling is great exercise and very enjoyable. Safe cycling everyone.

5th Class Ms. Geoghegan

HALLOWEEN ART

"To get into the Halloween spirit we created Day of the Dead inspired skulls. We used our fine motor skills to cut out different shapes to create our own unique designs. We had so much fun!" **Skulls by Cal Rafferty (blue background) and Oisín Furey (yellow background)**



Happy Halloween

CONFIRMATION 2026

This year's 6th Classes will be celebrating their Confirmation on Wednesday 27th May 2026 at 11.30 am. The ceremony will, as always, take place in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Rowlagh. Father Hugh will be joining us to celebrate our big day! We are hoping that the school choir will also be in attendance on the day after their big success last time around. We will keep you posted!



By Nevaeh Kenna and Emma Leddy, 6th Class

DOGS ON YARD

Dogs are fun and we love them. One of our parents owned a Corgi. Some of us in our class are obsessed with dogs and we have a good range between us including huskies, English bull dogs, German Shepherd and a dog who is 17 years old and on medication. Dogs are normally harmless but sometimes they can be aggressive. There is a lady who lives locally and she is terrified of all dogs. We get that. Also people can be allergic to dogs. While some dogs are trained and are nice and calm others are vicious and can prove dangerous especially around the school yard



where there are lots of children of all ages. DOGS ARE DOGS. We cannot trust them in public places and they should not be running freely around our yard. Please keep your dog on a leash or out of the school yard. **Written by Fletcher, Mason, Pennie, Hallie, Kameron, Maria, Nathan, Sama, Annalise, Divine, Melissa, & Mikey. Ms. Foster 3rd class.**

NO PHONES ALLOWED UNLESS SWITCHED OFF.

Children are allowed to bring their phones to school but they must be switched off at all times and kept in their bags. Putting a phone on airplane, sleep or silent mode doesn't mean it is off. If you are found to have a phone on during the day, the phone will be confiscated. A parent or guardian must collect the phone from the office. Smart watches are not allowed either.



Lucy Ivory 5th Class



RECYCLING

The Clothing Bank - The orange clothing bank is located on the school grounds. It is for clothes that don't fit you anymore and you can put them in the clothes bin so someone else can use them. Don't forget to clean them before putting them in the clothes bank. The clothing bank is a great way to transport clothes to those that do not have clothes.



WEEE BIN

There is a large green WEEE bin located in our school grounds. It is beside the prefab and the orange clothing bank. WEEE stands for waste from electrical and electronic equipment, which means anything really with a plug or a battery! You can put in old phones, toasters, microwaves or even TVs. It is a great way of recycling old items in your home that no longer work.



By Ollie Jago, Eryn Downey & Roisin Ronan, 4th Class.

MATHS WEEK IN 4TH CLASS

Maths week was on Monday 13th October 2025 and it was the best week ever! There were so many games in the class and we had so much fun. Firstly, there was walking horses. This was a game where you make horses out of paper and we got to race them on a ramp! Then, we made paper chains in orange and black card, we measured, cut and glued them together using our pattern, measuring and maths skills. We played a zoo adventure game where we had to click the animal and solve the maths question. If you answer correctly they give you a random fact about the animal. Finally, we made 2D shapes using people and lollipop sticks. We also made regular polygons, like quadrilaterals, pentagons, hexagons and heptagons. Overall, maths week was really fun!



By Realm Sitmela and Harris Moran - 4th class

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Every year around the end of September every class in our school gets Christmas cards to draw on. Then our school sells them to raise money for charity and for the school. We watched a lot of tutorials, they were all good. I drew a penguin with a Christmas hat. You can buy the Christmas cards or labels, stockings and calendars. *By Arijan, 6th class*

GARDA HALLOWEEN SAFETY TALK

On the 14th October, Gardaí came to our school. Their names were Paul and



Aisling. They came to talk to us about Halloween. First, they talked to us



about fireworks and they told us that fireworks are very dangerous and that they are actually against the law in Ireland. Only the sparklers that you can buy in the shops like in the corner shops are allowed but they can still be dangerous so you should always have a trusted adult with you when using them. Then they told us about bonfires and they are even MORE dangerous than fireworks. They are against the law unless they are the organised ones by the



county council like sometimes in Ballyfermot. They can be very

dangerous and can even cause hazards. When people throw things in the bonfire it flames up and things around it like houses can go on fire. They told us to be careful about our costumes. They told us our costumes can go on up in flames at a bonfire or with a candle in the pumpkin so to be careful with that too. Finally, they told us our pets can be wrapped up in some blankets just for the fireworks because they can be scared by them. They told us to enjoy Halloween but be safe and then we said goodbye. *By Eryn Downey - 4th class*

Downey - 4th class

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

In a few weeks there will be a Presidential election on the 24th October. There were 3 candidates



then Jim Gavin dropped out of the race so now there is only Catherine

Connolly and Heather Humphries. Right now Catherine Connolly is the favourite to win out of the two. On Friday 24th some schools in Ireland, including Saint Bernadette's, will be closed for the adults to vote. Sadly we can't vote because it is 18 and older that are only allowed to vote but in seven years sixth class can vote.

Cara, 6th class.

CHESS CLASSES

On the first Friday of the school year, we started playing chess. On the 1st



week we started off with the pawn. The pawn can only move forward and it's worth 1 point. The pawn can become valuable during the endgame. If your pawn makes it to the other side, you can take back any piece except for the king. The 2nd week we learned about the rook. A rook is worth 5 points and can move straight and sideways. Another name for the rook is called the castle. From the 3rd to 4th week, we were learning about the knight/horse. The knight is worth 3 points and can only move in an L shape and it's the only piece that can jump over other pieces. We played a couple of mini-games like radioactive horse poo. The 5th week we learned about the bishop. Like the knight, the bishop is worth 3 points and can only move diagonal. Last week we learned about the queen. The queen is the most powerful piece on the chessboard. It's worth 9 points and can move forwards, backwards, diagonal and sideways. Instead of 1 space it can move across the whole board. It can't jump over other pieces like the knight. This Friday we are probably going to

learn about the king. *By Logan, 6th class*

ST. PATRICK'S ATHLETIC F.C.

Eoin from St. Pat's Athletic Football Club has been working with our class for the last number of weeks, teaching us new football skills like the 'Forrester Chop'. The class completed different drills and played mini matches each week. We also worked in our Saints and Scholars workbook. We used maths skills to solve football related word problems. The sessions were great fun and the whole class enjoyed them.



Mr. Troy

TOTALLY TERRIFYING THURSDAY

At this time of year we prepare for Halloween with Totally Terrifying Thursday on Thursday 23rd October. Due to overcrowding in past years which is dangerous under our Health & Safety Policy, the Board of Management have to insist that **NO Parents/Guardians attend** due to the limited space and for the safety of pupils. **No Clown costumes or morph suits** are allowed. The school will be closed on Friday 24th October 2025 for voting.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Hi all, we are encouraging all our parents and guardians to check out our social media sites the sites are always updated with pictures from school outings and activities that are happening in the school. This is the best



place to keep you updated on all the different activities that are happening within the school. You will find all information on the social media sites so please parents and guardians if you can all check on here to keep yourselves updated. Don't forget to like our pictures.

Max Goodwin & Carter Holmes
6th class.



HOT LUNCHES.

We receive hot lunches in our school every day. We get to choose what lunch we want each day and we can get things like:

Pepperoni pizza,
Sausages and
potato cubes,
Chicken curry,



Meatballs and lots more to choose from. All parents/guardians are encouraged to log into the Glanmore App and select from the menu.