



# Abbeyleix South National School

*Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Laoise Theas*

## October 2021 Newsletter

### *Principal's Message*

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy month in school. Autumn time is a time of year loved by many pupils. The pupils in each classroom really enjoyed showing off their Hallowe'en costumes on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The teachers looked very spooky too. Please view more from October on our school blog – [www.abbeyleixsouthns.ie](http://www.abbeyleixsouthns.ie)  
I wish you all a Happy Hallowe'en break.

Best wishes,  
Ms. Joanne Jackson.



### Credit Union Art Competition



This year's theme "Imagine", encouraged pupils to explore their thoughts, hopes and dreams, and portray them on paper.

To quote Albert Einstein, "**Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world.**"

Imagination is a powerful tool which helps people escape from reality. Imagination can also be the start of a brilliant idea which could change the world.

(CreditUnion.ie)

Well done to the pupils for using their imaginations and creating some great pictures for this art competition.

### Maths Week



Maths Week Ireland is an all-island initiative and a partnership of institutions and groups promoting positive attitudes towards maths and highlighting the importance of maths in our lives since 2006. It is coordinated by Calmast at WIT. It is one of four national STEM festivals. Running for 15 years as a collaborative partnership of organisations including all the universities, institutes of technology, with professional bodies, visitor centres and more. It is currently the world's largest maths festival.

The pupils from each classroom took part in a variety of mathematical activities this week. Some of these activities included, Maths Trails, Maths Eyes, Mathematical Board Games, Maths TV (a daily show). The pupils enjoyed challenging themselves and improving numeracy skills.

### The New Language Curriculum

There will be a Primary Language Planning Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November. Children will go home at 12 noon.

For information on the Primary Language Curriculum please view –

https: [www.ncca.ie/media/4054/info-sheet-for-parents-english.pdf](https://www.ncca.ie/media/4054/info-sheet-for-parents-english.pdf)



### **A Reminder:**

#### **Extract from our Wellbeing Policy, including Healthy Eating**

- Some healthy foods which we encourage include sandwiches, fruit, sliced vegetables, raisins, cheese and crackers.
- Crisps are strongly discouraged. Popcorn could be introduced as an alternative.
- Chewing gum is strictly forbidden.
- Children are asked not to share lunch or take lunch from another pupil.
- We recognise the importance of water in our diet and will facilitate children having water on their tables in spill proof bottles during class time. They can be taken home and refilled each day. We encourage pupils to use a sports water bottle as it is environmentally friendly.
  - No fizzy drinks are allowed.



### **Admission / Application Forms**

Please contact the school office for Admission / Application Forms for 2022 – 2023

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## PHOTO OF THE MONTH

Our Photo of the Month comes from Mr. Kiely's Classroom. What wonderful costumes.





