

## Teaching & Learning



### Spellings

The pupils in 1st & 2nd classes have now commenced work on our new spelling programme. We are delighted to hear some very positive feedback from both teachers & pupils thus far and look forward to continuing to monitor the spelling progress and keeping you informed.

**Science week** took place from 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November 2018. All classes in St. Fiachra's JS were busy with science related activities during science week.

All pupils took part in a fun and inter-active experience with a visiting science group called 'Junior Einstein'. Thank you to Mrs Farrell who organised the events surrounding science week.

### Shoe Box Appeal

With Christmas approaching our children, parents and staff have supported a very worthy cause again this year. All classes took part in "Operation Christmas Child" – an appeal to help needy children in Eastern European and African countries. Every participating child donated a shoebox filled with a selection of toys, educational items, hats, gloves, sweets etc. We hit a new record this year having **432** boxes collected from our school.

To celebrate the success of our recent Maths week each 1st & 2nd Class worked on their estimation skills and submitted a figure for our 'Guess how many shoeboxes'

competition. The children in Ms.Buckley's class were the worthy prize-winners of a slinky toy each kindly donated by one of our parents. Ms Duffy took home the staff prize with her guess.

Thank you all for your support.

Primary Language Curriculum – Gaeilge  
We appreciate your support in promoting Gaeilge throughout the school  
Comhrá Gaeilge don mhí seo – Our conversational Irish this month

Tá ocras orm – I am hungry  
Ar mhaith leat pizza? – Would you like pizza  
Bá mhaith liom pizza – I would like pizza  
Go raibh maith agat – Thank you

## Nuacht –Litir : Samhain 2019

### Please note the following School Closures

School closes for the Christmas Holidays on Friday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11.50am (Jun. & Sen. Infants) and 12.00pm (1st & 2nd Class)

School re-opens on Monday Jan.6<sup>th</sup> 2020 @ 8.50am

Primary Language Curriculum Staff In-service Day - January 24<sup>th</sup> 2020



St. Fiachra's JNS



### Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection

The Department of Education conducted a Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection in our school during the months of October and November this year. These CPSI's are based on an inspection framework that is informed by the Child

Protection Procedures for Primary & Post-Primary schools 2017. St. Fiachra's JS was found to be fully compliant with these procedures and the report for our school will be available for you to read on the Department of Education website in the coming weeks.

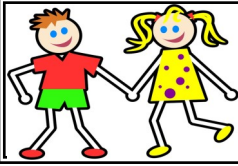
### School Attendance

Please be aware that the school must inform the statutory Educational Welfare Services of the Child & Family agency if your child has missed 20 or more days of school. We understand that children may become ill from time to time but we ask that you please be mindful of your child's school attendance when booking family holidays and to please avoid where possible booking holidays during school term.

### Primary Language Curriculum

The new primary language curriculum for English and Irish that has been developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) is well underway in our school..

This month the focus of our oral language is 'Questioning' and 'Giving Instructions', our writing genre for Junior Infants is 'Recount' and all other classes are currently working on 'Procedural' writing.



The sum of €7,649 was raised from our sponsored walk this year. Thank you very much to all who kindly sponsored our pupils.

### School Library

Works on the development of a new library room took place over the mid-term break. The new library will be open to classes to come for story-time, sustained reading time and lots more in January 2020

### S.P.H.E– Social, Personal & Health Education

*Your child is currently learning about & working on the theme 'Myself & Others'*

**Trick or treat for Temple Street**  
We raised the sum of € 833 . Thank you for your generosity as always

### School Self Evaluation

We are continuing to work on our area of focus - 'Comprehension strategies' for our SSE. Junior & Senior Infants have commenced their work on 'Visualisation' while 1st & 2nd class pupils are working on their 'Questioning' strategy.

### B.O.M

The term of the new Board of Management commences on the 1st December 2019

#### Board members:

**Patron Nominee & Chairperson–**  
Bernadette Ellis  
**Patron Nominee -** Fr. Robert Smyth

**Secretary–** Áine Carberry

**Teacher Nominee–** Therese Cunningham

**Parent Nominees–**Suzanne Meehan & Richard Duffy

**Community Nominees -** Dermot Lanigan & Jason Kearnin

### STAFF NEWS.

We wish the very best of luck to Ms. Flanelly as she commences her maternity leave. We welcome substitute teacher Ms.Kerrigan to our staff. Ms Kerrigan will teach the pupils in 1st class (Prefab 1)

## Zeeko—Internet Safety Education

We had some very positive feedback from parents following our Parents Zeeko Internet Safety talk which took place on:

**Monday 4th November 2019**

Topics covered on the night included:

Cyberbullying, Excessive internet use, Online Gaming, Media/Screen Time,

Social Media, Inappropriate content, Digital footprint & more.

Email: [info@zeeko.ie](mailto:info@zeeko.ie)

[www.zeeko.ie](http://www.zeeko.ie)



### Bollywood comes to St. Fiachra's



On November 21st the pupils in second class took part in an Indian dance workshop in the school hall. This was a great way for the pupils to learn about the 'Diwali' celebration. After a brief story on the history of 'Diwali', the pupils were then taught a Bollywood dance routine from one of the many spectacular Indian movies. This culminated in a wonderful end of day display with all 2nd class pupils coming together to show case their routine.

Thank you to Mrs Kearins who organised the event on the day.

### Reminder

#### Stay Safe Information Evening

Parental involvement is an essential component of the Stay Safe programme.

We are hosting a *Stay Safe Parent*

*Information evening* on December 9th @ 8pm in the school .

#### Aims and Content of the Stay Safe

#### Programme

- Information on child abuse and Bullying
- Child Protection requirements of the school