

Scoil Maelruain News

September 2023.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

A huge welcome back to all of our families for our 2023/24 school year. We were delighted to see all the happy faces rejoining us at the end of August.

We have been busy since we returned to school. Ms J. McGraths class have harvested our garden, picking carrots and potatoes from the ground!

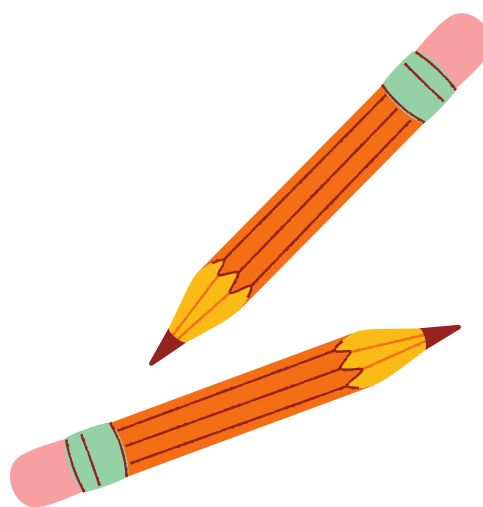
Thanks to the Parents Association, the children have added to their yard activities. They are learning how to construct some fantastic inventions with our Polydrons!

Our Junior Infants have nearly completed their first month at school. They have learnt so much already and are settling into school life in Scoil Maelruain. Well done to all!

Finally, we here at Scoil Maelruain Junior, would like to wish Caitriona Hogan from the Senior School a huge congratulations on her retirement. Her compassion, commitment and dedication will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best in the future.

Mrs. Claire Durr.

back to
school



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Google Data Centre Grant-Sensory Projects.

We applied for a grant from Google Data Centres last May and were successful. The grant has been allocated for Sensory Projects in the school. The first project has just been completed!

We have created a full sensory room in our 'quiet room' space and have installed two 'dark dens' in each block of the school. These will be a great asset to our school resources and are looking forward to the benefit they will provide to the children.

This is the first part of the project and we will update you when we complete the rest. Take a look at some pictures of our fantastic new facility below!



Google



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Enrolment for 2024/2025 school year.



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

We will be accepting applications for students starting school in the 2024/25 school year from **Monday 16th October 2023 to Sunday 11th November 2023.**

Parents will be offered places in the incoming Junior Infant class by Sunday 3rd December and must accept by Monday 18th December.

This is earlier than last year's enrolment and will be advertised on our website, through the parish and signage on school grounds.

If you are thinking of enrolling your child please note the change of dates for enrolment.

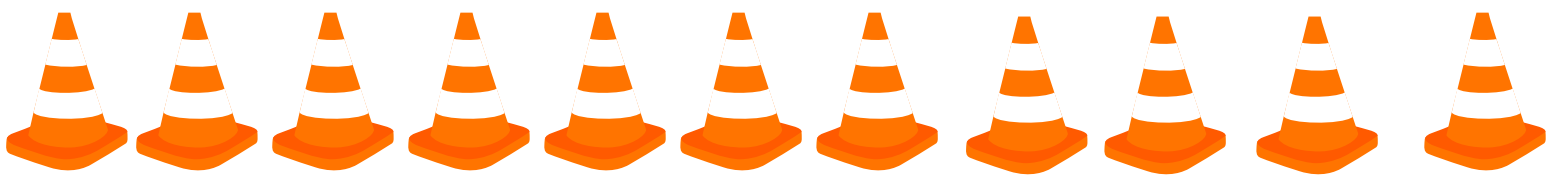
Health & Safety Information.

Thanks so much to those parents and students that are using the school pathways to enter the school grounds. We would also like to thank parents and students for making sure that gates are closed during school hours. We really appreciate your efforts to keep our students safe.

We have a few health and safety reminders that we would like to bring to your attention.

- Parents using the car park for drop off and pick up for after school activities are asked to reverse park and accompany children through the car park.
- Dogs are not allowed on school premises.
- We would encourage all parents to enter and exit the school grounds through the gate closest to the playground and not to use the gate by the car park.
- If you need to access the grounds during the school hours please ensure that the gates are left closed behind you.
- Wet Days: children should arrive at school at 8.50am and later. If they do get to school before that there are shelters by each door. As we all know the weather in Ireland is very changeable so we would encourage all children to have a raincoat in their bags or wear a coat each day.

Your children's safety is paramount, and we appreciate your support with these measures.



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Parent-Teacher Communication.

Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning. Communication with teachers is done through the **Aladdin Connect App**.

Teachers will review their notifications at the end of the school day. For this reason they may not be answered immediately.

For urgent communication please contact the office by phone 01-4510706 or by email scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com

Parents can also record reasons for absences both before and after through the **Aladdin Connect App**.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Formal Parent teacher meetings will be arranged later this year.

Bikes & Scooters.

There is a bike rack located beside the prefabs. Children who are cycling or scooting to school can park their bikes or scooters there.

We would ask that children **dismount** their 'vehicles' at the school gates and **walk** them through the school grounds.

Thank you to all for their co-operation with this matter.



Welcome to Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Welcome to all the boys and girls who have started their school journey in Scoil Maelruain Junior this year.

We also welcome Ms. A. McGrath, Ms. E. Ní Choileáin, Ms. M. Flynn & Ms. A. Martin who have joined the school staff this year.

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School Closures.



Closed

Mid Term Break:

School is closed Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November.

Christmas 2022:

School is closed Friday 22nd December at 12pm and reopens Monday 8th January.

Irish Dancing-September 2023.

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing will be recommencing Irish dance classes after school this September.

Irish dance teacher, Natalie Mowlds has twenty years experience and has been holding classes in Scoil Maelruain for the last twelve years.

Through the classes, Natalie encourages each child's natural ability to move and dance while in turn teaching basic Irish dancing steps in a fun way.

For further details, contact Natalie on 087 7471957.



Christmas Cards



The Parents Association are selling Christmas cards to raise funds for our school. Your child has received a template to draw and colour their creation from the class teacher.

These are individualised and personalised art work pieces so please take care of them.

If you would like to be order cards please **return the template** on or before **Monday 2nd of October** .

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Helping Hands.



We are once again looking for Parent Helping Hands.

We would like parents to help out with the following:

- To accompany children to and from the church;
- To accompany children on school tours;
- To accompany children to sporting events.
- To help with Maths activities;
- To help out with Literacy activities;

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

How do I get involved?

All Parent Helping Hands need to be Garda Vetted through the school. You need to bring in proof of address and a photo ID (Passport/Drivers license) to the school and fill in an Application Form at the office ASAP.

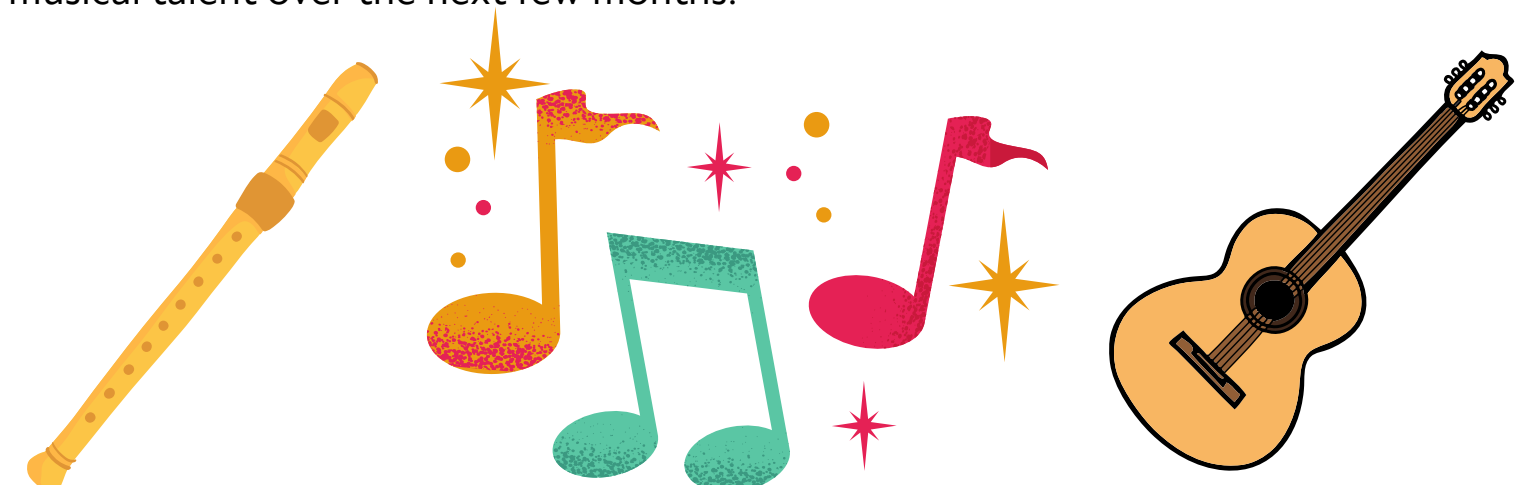
We need to submit a form to Archbishop's House. They will then email you an e-form which you must return within 7 days otherwise the form will expire and you will need to begin the process all over again. When the 'Vetting' comes through you will be informed by Archbishop's House and the Declaration will also be sent to the school.



Tin Whistle & Guitar Lessons.

Tin whistle and guitar lessons have now commenced after school during the week at Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Best of luck to the children starting this new skill and we look forward to hearing their musical talent over the next few months!



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Global Citizenship at Scoil Maelruain Junior.

As part of the Green Schools Initiative, Ms. J. McGrath's class have been working on the theme of Global Citizenship with a focus on food and biodiversity.

"We went to our school garden and we picked potatoes, carrots, lettuce, onions, peas, tomatoes and apples. Then we brought them around to the classes. Everyone got to bring one thing home. I brought a potato home. I cooked it and ate it. It tasted so good. I enjoyed seeing all the fruit and vegetables grow."

Saibh O Donoghue 2nd class.

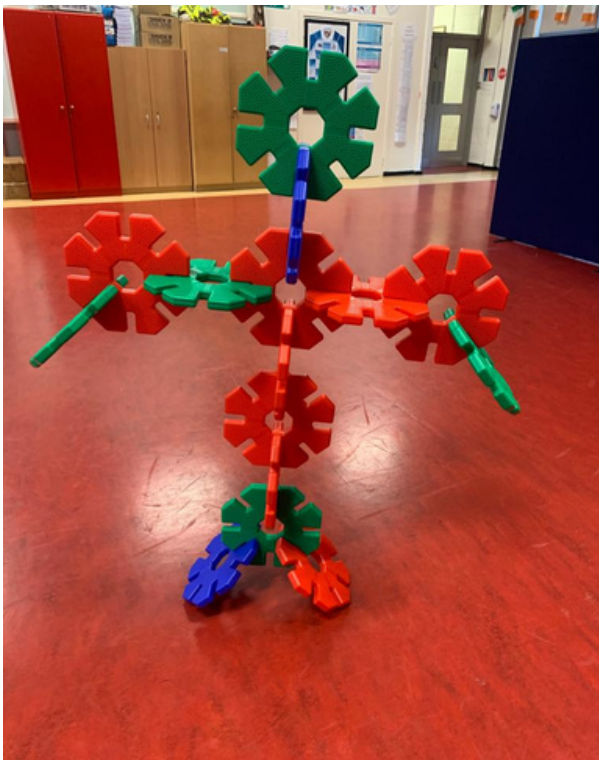


Polydrons

The school recently purchased polydrons for the children's use in school and on yard.

The polydrons will be a fun and educational activity for the children to participate in, utilising their imagination and construction skills!

We hope they will all enjoy using them over the next academic year. Have a look at some of the cool creations made by our students already!



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Parents' Association



Welcome to New Parents and Children:

The Parents' Association are delighted to welcome new parents and children to the school and to kick off the new school year. We will be hosting a parents evening for each new Junior Infant class in October to properly welcome you all to the school.

School Library:

The parents who volunteer in the school library have been busy preparing the library for a relaunch and covered approximately 1,000 books for the year ahead. Well done for the all the hard work that goes into this. It is a great resource to have this team of parents run the library every Tuesday and Wednesday on behalf of the school.

Annual General Meeting:

Our Annual General Meeting is taking place this coming **Monday, 2nd October at 7.30pm** in the school. All parents are invited to join us on Monday evening. The agenda will cover a number of items, including:

- Report on PA activities in the past school year, as well as plans for the school year ahead.
- Address from our Principal, Claire Durr.
- Accounts.
- Establishment of the committee for this school year.

First Aid Training and Certification:

The Parents Association have sourced a trainer to deliver first aid training. It is hoped this will be run in October or early November. We will keep you updated. If you are interested in doing the course, please contact Gill Doyle 0876630665.

Fundraising for the School – Christmas Cards:

We will be actively fundraising throughout the year to generate much needed funds for the school. We aim to have a calendar of fundraising items to circulate after the PA AGM. We know it's only September and we shouldn't be mentioning the C word, but to be organised - preparations have begun for the annual Christmas Cards to make sure they can be ordered as early as possible. You will have received the Christmas card template which is individually coded to your child, do not use your own paper or lose the sheet. Please return completed sheets to your child's teacher by **Monday the 2nd October**.

Get in Touch with Us

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Kind Regards

The Parents' Association