

Scoil Maelruain News

February 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



A message from our Principal.

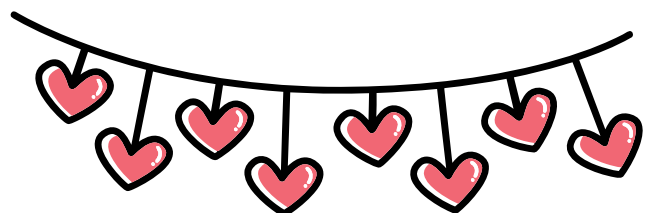
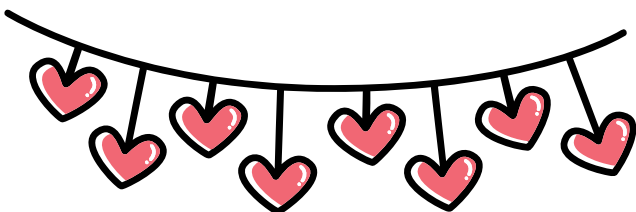
Happy New Year to all our families. We have had a busy start to the year. The children settled back into school after the excitement of Christmas, children harvested the rest of our carrots and potatoes and we had lots of lessons were learnt!

At the end of January/beginning of February we had our first ever Wellbeing Week. We would like to thank all our families for all their support for the week, the children benefited hugely from it.

We would like to wish a happy mid term to all families and look forward to welcoming the children back next week all refreshed and ready to learn!!!

Mrs. Claire Durr.

*Happy
valentine's
day*



Scoil Maelruain Junior,
Oldbawn Avenue,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Principal: Mrs. Claire Durr
Deputy Principal: Ms. Aileen Butler

Tel: 01 4513967
scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com

Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

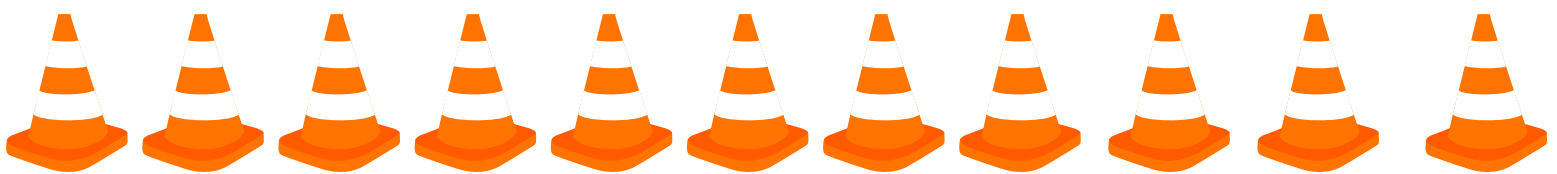
Health & Safety Information.

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

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



Parent-Teacher Communication.

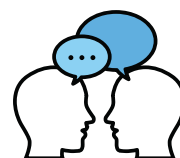
Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning.

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.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

2nd Class children who will be making their First Holy Communion later this year will participate in the 'Sacrament of Reconciliation' next week. They are also continuing to attend the 'Do This In Memory Of Me' programme in St. Martin de Porres Church.

The special Masses are aimed at preparing the children for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. We wish the children every success as they prepare for these special occasions in their lives.



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.



Scoil Maelruain News

*A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.
Irish Dancing.*

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing are continuing to hold Irish dance classes after school.

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.



School Closures

March 2024:

School is closed Monday 18th March

School will close on Friday 22nd March at 12.00pm

School is closed from Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April.

May 2024

School is closed from Monday 6th - Friday 10th May inclusive

School Tours:

1st Class Tour 6th June

2nd Class Tour 7th June



Scoil Maelruain News

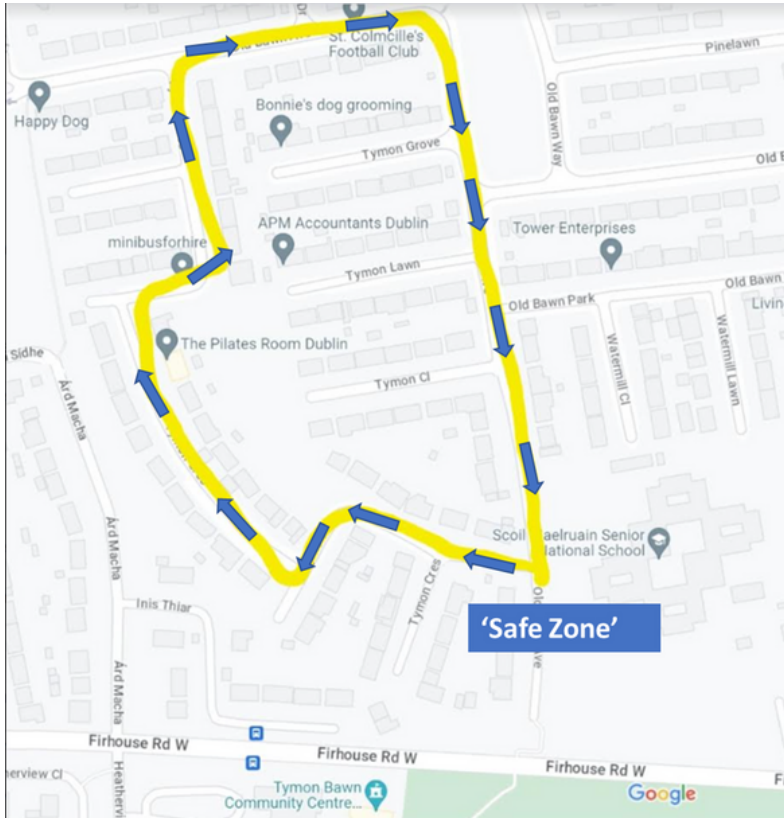
A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Parents' Association



Safe Streets.



Scoil Maelruain Junior and Senior would like to sincerely thank our parents for their support for the Safe Street/Zone.

It makes a Safe Street for our families and children to enter the school without the danger of cars in the area.

We would like to encourage all parents to continue their support for the initiative.

We would also like to extend our thanks to both Parents Association for their ongoing support.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Wellbeing Week 2024.

It was fantastic to celebrate our first ever Wellbeing Week in the last few weeks.

Thanks to the Wellbeing Team and to all staff who helped to organise this initiative. Here are some of the lovely initiatives the children took part in during the week:

The children participated in 'Wellbeing Wednesday', 'Thankful Thursday', 'Friendly Friday', 'Thoughtful Tuesday' and 'Wellbeing Wednesday.' The children enjoyed a poster competition, breathing and gratitude exercises, a wellbeing walk and a super fun cosy day in school. Thanks for the Parents' Association for providing treats for our movie afternoon!.

Well done to all the boys and girls for participating so well in our first ever Wellbeing Week.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Happy Campers-Easter 2024.

The Happy Campers are back for Easter 2024. This year's Easter camp is open to children in First and Second classes only!

The camp will be running from Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March inclusive.

To register your child's interest; please email your child's name to

jointhehappycampers@gmail.com.



Arts & Crafts

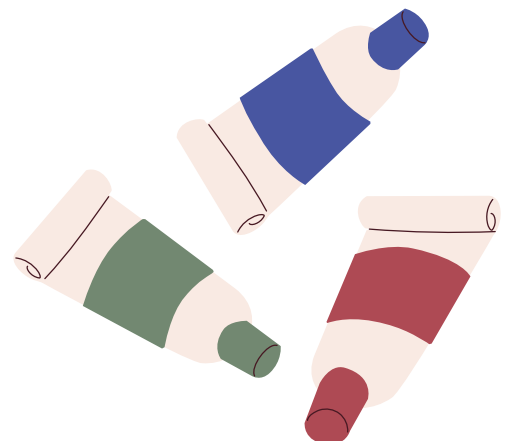
Arts and crafts will be running another block of 4 weeks, commencing on Wednesday 28th February.

Classes will take place on Wednesday and Thursday.

Classes are open to children from 1st and 2nd Classes only.

Please contact

eburns@scoilmaelruainjunior.org.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Helping Hands for School Tours 2024.

School tours will be fast approaching later in the year, and teachers may require some parents to accompany their class to help with supervision.

If you are interested in helping out you must be Garda vetted through the school.

If you do not already have this vetting then please do so as a matter of urgency as the waiting time for vetting can be lengthy.

To put yourself forward for vetting please contact Valerie in the office.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Supporting Children and Young People with
Bereavement and Parental Separation

Rainbows Ireland provides peer group support to children and young people who have been impacted following a bereavement or parental separation or a divorce.

When significant change and loss happens in a family, the entire family can be affected, including children and young people. Children and young people can generally find it difficult to understand their feelings and often do not have the words to express how they feel.

Rainbows provides group support for children of a similar age and loss experience.

Meeting others in a similar situation can be very supportive for children and young people.

We hope to provide the Rainbows programme to children aged 7 or over in Scoil Maelruain Junior in March 2024. Please note we cannot provide the service for children younger than age 7 at this time.

It is a free service. Rainbows is not a counselling group or professional therapy. If you would like your son/daughter to attend Rainbows or you would like to know more, please contact rainbows@scoilmaelruainjunior.org

Colleen Farrell & Annette Bradley

Rainbows Coordinators

