

# Scoil Maelruain News

May 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



## A message from our Principal.

Despite only being back in school for three weeks since the Easter holidays we have been very busy here at Scoil Maelruain Junior.

The children had an amazing opportunity to experience our first ever 'Engineering Week'. They coded 'beebots' and 'Lego We-Do' and thanks to parent volunteers, they got a chance to experience some 3D printing.

We also celebrated our 'Literacy Week' last week. Children dressed up in characters from their favourite books, they read and created stories, had author visits and the children from the Senior School came to read the children some stories.

Both weeks were a huge success and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers, parents and students who were involved who helped us to highlight STEM and literacy in such imaginative and creative ways.

Mrs. Claire Durr.



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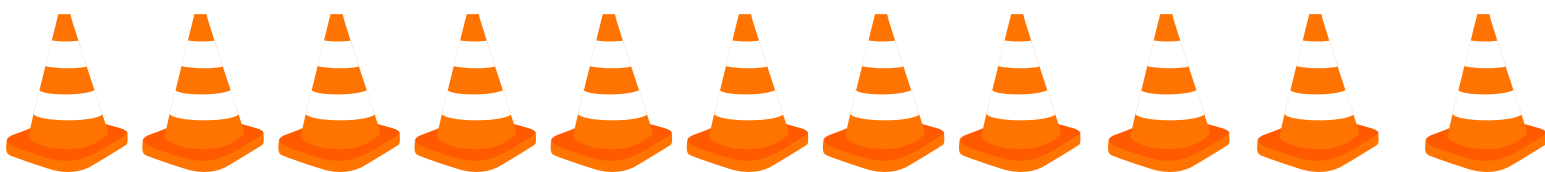
## Health & Safety Information.

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.

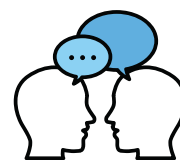
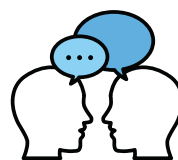
Teachers are unable to speak with parents at the doors in the morning.

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](mailto: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.



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School Tours 2024.

Please note the following dates for upcoming School Tours:

Junior Infant Tour 30th May.

Senior Infant Tour 30th April.

1st Class Tour 6th June.

2nd Class Tour 28th May.



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.



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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 Calendar.

### May 2024

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

School is closed for staff training on 14th May 2024

2nd Class Communion 18th May

### June 2024

School is closed on Monday and Tuesday 3rd and 4th June

School is closed for Local and European Elections 7th June

School closes Friday 28th June at 12pm.



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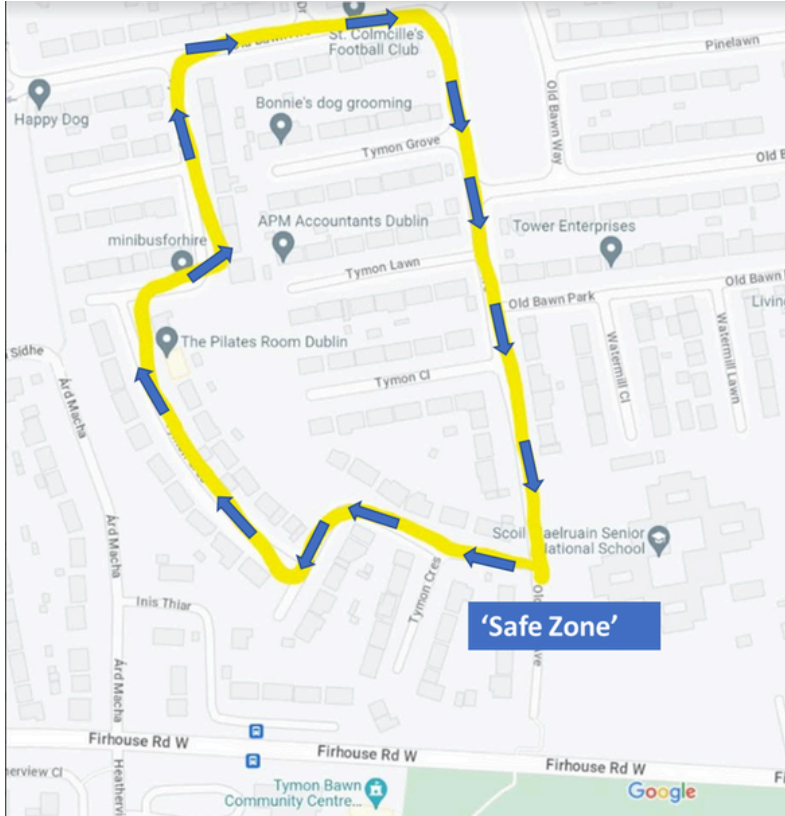
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Parents' Association



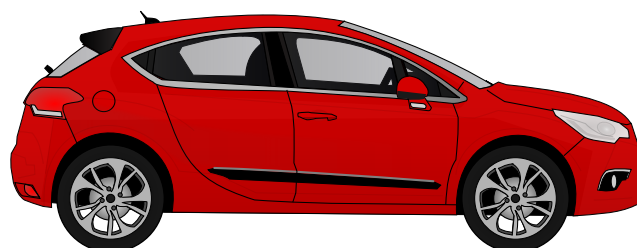
Safe Streets.



As I am sure you have noticed our Safe Street is beginning to enter a new phase.

In this phase South Dublin County Council will highlight our Safe Street Zone. This week they have installed some pencil bollards. It is hoped that in the coming weeks that road marking will be installed to further distinguish our Safe Street Zone from the rest of Old Bawn Avenue.

We would like to thank our families for their ongoing support that they have shown from the start of this initiative to ensure a safe area around the entrance of our schools.



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Parent's Association.*

## **Communion Reception:**

The Parents Association will be hosting a communion reception after both communion masses on the 18th May 2024.

We are excited to welcome the children and their families for tea, coffee and biscuits – with a special treat for all children. It is a great chance for the kids to spend a small bit of time with their pals before the head off and celebrate the special day with their families.

A photographer will also be on site for any families who wish to avail of the service. This will be Travers Photography. The relationship will be directly between the photographer and parents. The parents' association are not responsible for any issues that might arise.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

## **Family Nights:**

Due to the success of the Family Quiz Night where €360.00 was raised, and a fun night was had by all the Parents Association are planning to hold a Bingo Night on 31st May 2024 and another Family Quiz Night on 21st June 2024. Further details of the events will be communicated shortly.

## **World Book Day:**

Scoil Maelruain celebrated World Book Day on 23rd of April 2024 with a Sponsored Dress Up and raised €372.00 which allows the Parents Association to apply for free books (30% of the amount raised) for the school library. We had some fantastic costumes on the day, and it was great to see the kids have so much fun talking about their favorite books!

## **School Library Volunteers:**

The Parents Association are currently looking to increase the number of volunteers to help in the School Library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Volunteers do not need to be available every week as we welcome as much support from Parents as you can provide to help run the school library. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Gillian Doyle on 0876630665.



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Literacy Week 2024.

Literacy week was very successful In Scoil Maelruain Junior. It was truly inspiring to see our school community come together to celebrate the joy of reading and learning. Everyone from pupils, parents and school staff made the event a tremendous success.

The activities and events organised throughout the week were both engaging and educational. From dress-up characters to celebrate World Book Day , storytelling and visits from 2 authors Emma-Jane and Shauna, every aspect contributed to fostering a love of reading among participants of all ages. A special word of thanks Ms. Walsh and the senior school for accepting our invitation to paired reading. The children loved the 'bigger' boys and girls coming over to read to them.

Many thanks to the school staff and parents for your commitment to promoting literacy in our school. Our efforts are helping to create a brighter future filled with enthusiastic readers and life-long learners.

Mrs. C. Glennon.



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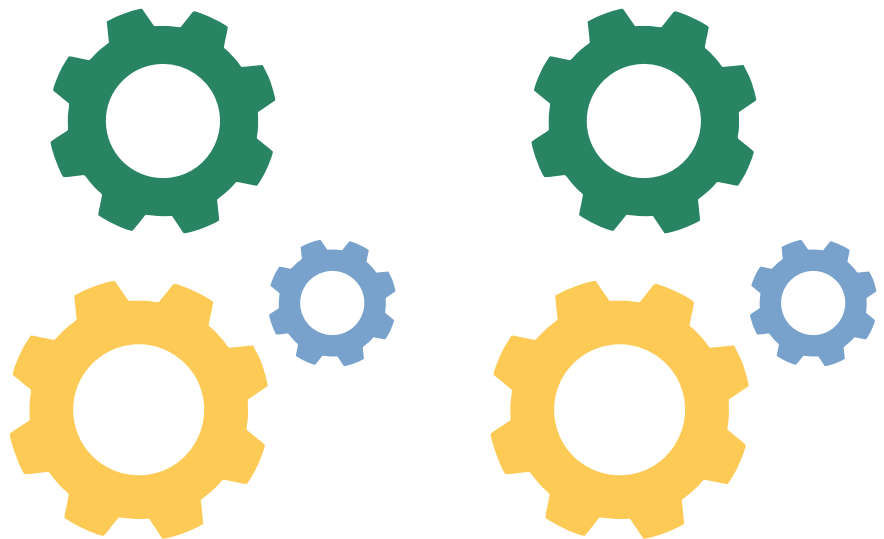
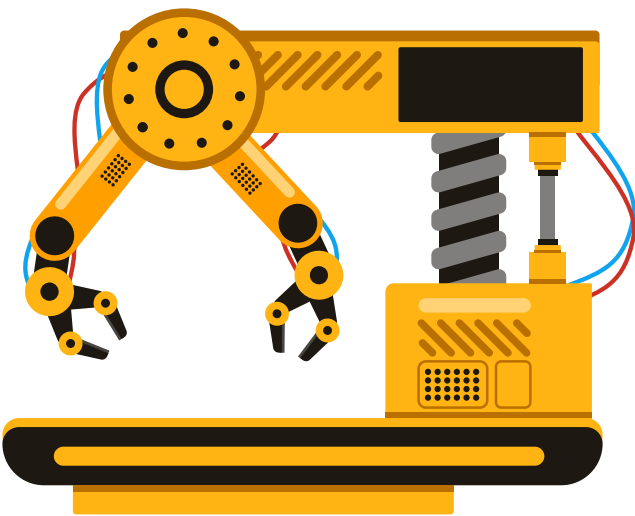
Our children enjoyed a very successful Engineering/Technology Week in mid April.

Michael Walsh (Parent of Scoil Maelruain Junior) and Robbie O'Connor showed us how 3D printing works. It was amazing to hear that prosthetic limbs can be made very easily and cheaply!

Beebots, the colourful bugs were programmed by our students to move to various locations. LEGO WeDo 2 was a big hit in the classrooms too and lots of structures were created and then programmed to include movement, sound and coloured lighting.

A great week was had by all.

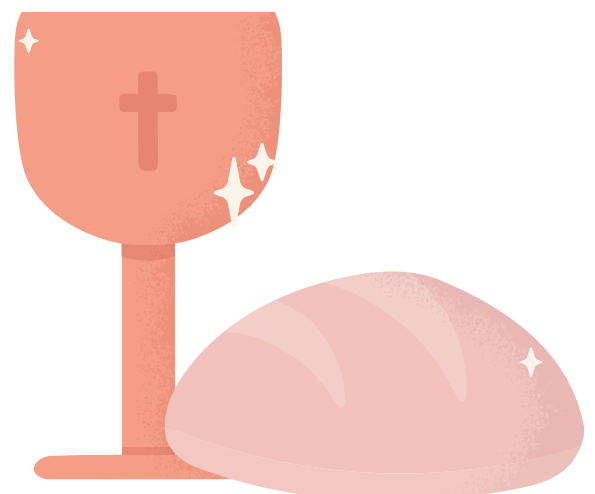
Ms. J. McGrath.



First Holy Communion.

Best Wishes are extended to the children in 2nd Class who will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion on May 18th next.

The children are all working very hard in preparation for their special day.





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Join the Happy Campers!

Happy campers are back for Summer 2024!

It is open for all children in Junior Infants to Second Classes.

To register your interest please email  
[jointhehappycampers@gmail.com](mailto:jointhehappycampers@gmail.com)



**Happy Campers**  
**Summer Camp**

**Time:**  
10am – 2pm.

**Date:**  
Week 1: 1st-5th July  
Week 2: 8th-12th July

**Cost:**  
(1 week)  
1 child: €100  
2 siblings: €180

**Location:**  
Scoil Maelruain  
Junior  
(main entrance)

**Activities:**  
Teddy Bear Picnic  
Parachute games  
Speed stacking  
Ball/Coordination games  
Welly toss  
Team Building games  
Music & dance  
Lego and Jenga games  
Mindfulness & Yoga  
Friendship bracelets  
Scavenger Hunt  
Orienteering  
Outdoor adventure  
Arts & crafts  
Sculpting and painting clay  
Baking  
STEM activities  
Obstacle course  
Relays and races  
Sports games

To book your place today, contact:  
[jointhehappycampers@gmail.com](mailto:jointhehappycampers@gmail.com)

For all children from Junior Infants to 2nd class in Scoil Maelruain Junior.



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