

Scoil Maelruain News

October 2024.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Principal's Corner

Well done to all our boys and girls for successfully completing the first two months of the school year! The children have settled into their classes with their new teachers, and we would like to extend our thanks to all parents for supporting this transition.

Our classrooms have been buzzing with activity as the children learn all about Autumn, showcasing their creativity with beautiful Autumn arts and crafts displayed around the school.

We also just wrapped up our Maths Week celebrations! A big thank you to Ms. Farrell and her team for organising a variety of engaging activities, including maths games, stations, table quizzes, and visits from our Senior School students to play maths games with the younger children.

Looking ahead, we're excited to enjoy our Mid Term Break in a spooky fashion.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break!

Mrs. Claire Durr

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Maths Week.

Our school celebrated Maths Week 2024 from Wednesday 16th October - Tuesday 22nd October. During this week there were lots of different activities happening throughout the school that provided opportunities for the children to have fun with Maths.

Some of the Junior and Senior Infant classes participated in a week-long interactive online event called Loving Maths, where they heard stories and had to solve challenges with Maths.

There were Maths games and counter puzzles played in the classrooms. The boys and girls from 4th class came to 1st and 2nd class to play Maths games. The children in 2nd class also visited the Infant classes to play games with them.

1st and 2nd class children showed off all of their great Maths skills as well as their good teamwork and sportsmanship when they took part in a Maths Table Quiz in the hall. Children also kept fit and had great fun taking part in Active Maths P.E., as well as many other activities throughout the week.

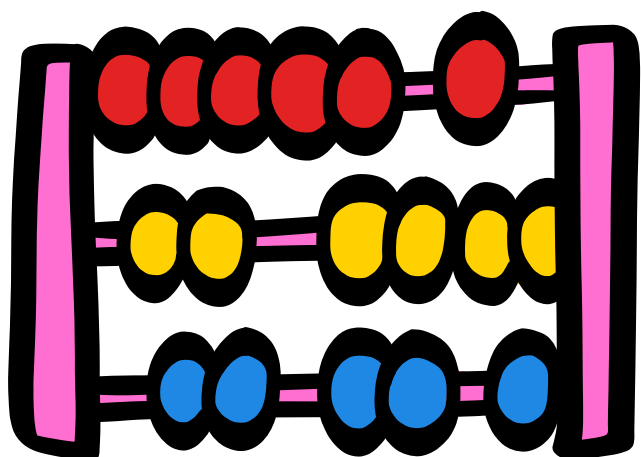
It was so wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves with Maths. Here is what a few of them had to say about the week.

"I really liked Maths Week. My favourite thing was playing games."

Emma, Senior Infants

"I enjoyed playing games during Maths Week and doing quizzes. I liked the quiz in the hall and also the wordsearches and the + and - colouring puzzles. The quiz in the hall and the maths games with 4th class were my favourite of all."

Nathan, 2nd class



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Interested in winning the Lotto?

Thank you to all our parents and local community that are supporting our Lotto Fundraiser. We have had a number of weekly winners of spot prizes and our Weekly One for All Voucher.

If you would like to sign up for the Lotto you have the option of 1 line for €2.50 will allow everyone to support the school.

If you can contribute 3 lines for €5 it would be hugely appreciated.

Signing up is easy, scan the QR code in the attached flyer or go to <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilmaelruainjunior> and follow the instructions on your screen.

Scoil Maelruain Junior Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play

Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4

or 3 lines for €5

Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

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Enrolment for 2025-2026

We will be accepting applications for students starting school in the 2024/25 school year from Tuesday 15th October 2024 to Monday 11th November 2024.

Parents will be offered places in the incoming Junior Infant class by Monday 2nd December and must accept by Tuesday 17th December.

This will be advertised on our website, through the parish and signage on school grounds.

If you or any family members or friends are thinking of enrolling your child please note dates for enrolment.

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School Closures.

October Mid-term break

School closes on Friday 25th October @ 2.30pm. School reopens on Monday 4th November.

Christmas 2024

School closes on Friday 20th December @ 12.00. School reopens on Monday 6th January 2025.



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Parents' Association

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm in the school. Thank you to all the parents/guardians that joined us on an Autumn Monday evening, we were delighted to see such a great turnout!

We reviewed the Finance Report for the last school year, reviewed the past years activities and discussed the plans for year ahead. We also formed our new Parents Association Committee for the coming year:

Lisa Smyth, Chairperson

Blanche Hardiman, Secretary

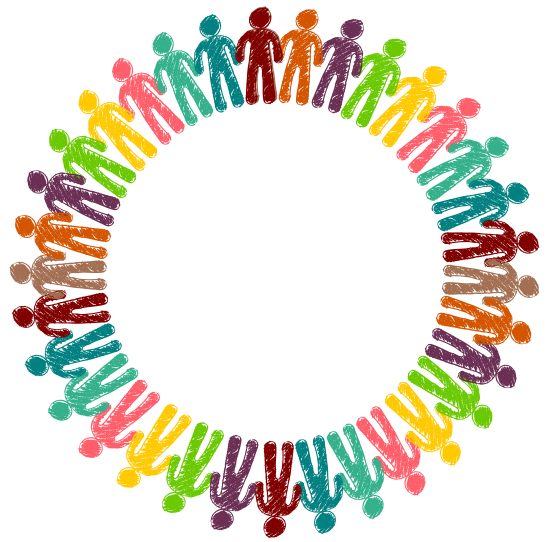
Grace Doyle, Treasurer

One of the agenda items that we discussed was the structure of the Parents Association for Scoil Maelruain Junior and that ideally, we would like to have 8-10 members on the Parents Association Committee. A suggestion from a parent on the evening was to outline exactly what is involved in a Parents Association.

We have put together some information on what is a Parents Association, Parents Association Committee, Class Representative and Volunteers. Hopefully this will clarify the various different functions of the Parents Association and encourage more people to get involved.

We are looking to increase the members on the Parents Association Committee, and we have planned a Parents Association meeting for Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the main hall of the school. All parents are invited to join us and discuss the functionality of the Parents Association and add more parents/guardians to the PA committee.

**Come
Join
us!**



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Parents Association Committee:

The role of the Parent Association Committee is to ensure that they communicate and represent the entire parent body. The work of the committee includes the following:

- Planning and managing the annual programme of activities for the PA
- Planning Agendas and keeping records of meetings (Secretary)
- Managing the Parent Association finances (Treasurer)
- Communicating, consulting with, and involving as many parents as possible in the activities of the PA.
- Communicating and consulting with the Principal.
- Actively support parents/guardians by providing opportunities to meet other parents and share experiences.

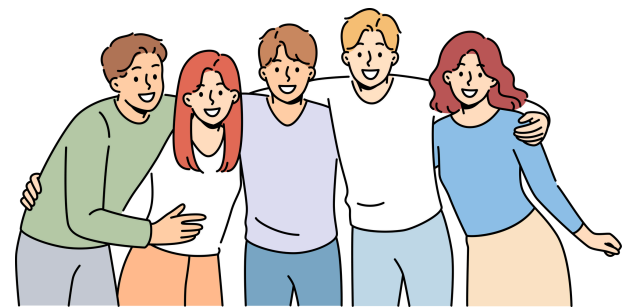
Class Representatives

The Class Representative is primarily a communication link between parents/guardians and the PA Committee. The Class Representative will communicate information from the PA Committee and should ensure that suggestions, ideas, issues, and concerns received from parents/guardians are relayed to the PA Committee.

Volunteers

The Parents Association cannot run without the fantastic parents/guardians who volunteer their time to support the various PA activities that take place throughout the year. Some of the activities that we have had volunteers supporting with include Christmas card designs, school library, teddy bear Picnic, Santa Visit, Quiz Nights, Bake Sales and Communion Reception.

We know everyone is busy with work, after school activities and life in general so any time that parents/guardians can give is fantastic and highly appreciated. To be a volunteer with the Parents Association you need to be Garda Vetted. This is a simple and straightforward process and forms can be collected from Valerie in the school.



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