



Newsletter : 28th February 2022

I hope you all had a lovely mid-term break and had a good rest.

Thank you again for all your support and assistance in creating such a lovely day for Mrs Binions's retirement day. Mrs Binions had a wonderful day and we all wish her a happy retirement with her friends & family.

Thank you to Sandra Boyd Coelho who took lovely photographs of the retirement day. The link to the google folder will be communicated on class See Saw accounts.

We welcome Ms Rioghna McGettigan to take over from Mrs Binions until the end of June. We look forward to working with Ms McGettigan.

Covid-19

From Monday 28th February the Covid-19 guidelines have been revised with the following changes:

1. Staff & children from 3rd-6th classes no longer have to wear face coverings. However, if anyone wishes to continue to wear a mask that is absolutely your decision.
2. Children on the school buses are not required to wear face coverings, but equally if anyone wishes to continue to wear masks that is completely acceptable.
3. At drop off time, we will continue with lining up at the back door and sanitise our hands upon entry to the school building.
4. If a parent meeting is required this can now be facilitated face-to-face: If anyone would like a meeting please contact your class teacher.
5. As at present we are progressing with our building project and parking space is tight in the car park, we will continue with staggered going home and drop off times. Therefore, drop off/pick up times will not change for the moment. We will review once the building project has concluded.
6. For break times we will continue with staggered breaks as this allows more space for everyone to play. We will review as we continue throughout the remainder of the year.
7. Within the classrooms we are not required to have pods/bubbles which we very much welcome.

Cases of Covid-19 are still very prevalent in our school community so please be mindful of Covid symptoms and do not send your children to school if they have symptoms.

Please seek public health advice if you have any concerns.

To view the full guidelines please visit : http://stsavioursns.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Information-Note-SD-0003_2022-23-Feb-2022-FINAL.pdf

Upon Mrs. Binion's retirement our Covid representatives have been updated as follows:

Lead Covid Representative : Mrs Doyle. Deputy Lead Covid Representative; Mrs Spencer
If you have any concerns relating to Covid-19, please contact Mrs Doyle or Mrs Spencer.

Child Protection

Upon Mrs Binion's retirement we have updated our Child Protection Officers.

- Designated Liaison Person (DLP) : Mrs Doyle
- Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL): Mrs Spencer

If you have any Child Protection Concerns please contact Mrs Doyle or Mrs Spencer.

Building Project

As you can see, the building project is proceeding on plan.

The plan is the 5th & 6th classroom will be ready to be move into from the beginning of June.

From the beginning of June work will begin on the new Hub classroom and will be ready to move into from mid-August to be ready for our new academic year.



Work has also been progressing on our new path linking from the memorial park to the school. This new path allows pedestrian access for buggies/wheelchairs. Thank you to Clement Kinsella, Ian Meredith and Des Cannon for their work on the path.

Primary Language Curriculum Training

On Friday 1st April we will be closing for a half day to facilitate Primary Language Curriculum Training. This half day is sanctioned by the Department of Education.

Junior & Senior Infants: 12p.m.

1st & 2nd Classes: 12.10p.m.

3rd & 4th Classes: 12.20p.m.

5th & 6th Classes: 12.30p.m.

Buses will not run on this day.

Bike Workshop

Hugh Arthur will be conducting a road safety bike workshop with 3rd-6th classes. Children will require their bicycles and helmets in school each Tuesday commencing on Tues 1st March. This will run for 4 weeks.

Soccer Workshop/ GAA

3rd -6th Classes will be starting a soccer workshop with Michele Canosa. This will take place on a Monday and will run for 4 weeks.

GAA continues for all classes and will include hurling/camogie as well as football.

Pancake Tuesday / Ash Wednesday

Each class will have an opportunity to sample some yummy pancakes on pancake Tuesday. We are looking forward to Rev Brian visiting the school this week to mark the beginning of Lent.

Library Visits

We are delighted to be visiting our new library in Rathdrum.

1st & 2nd Classes : Tuesday morning (10.00a.m.-10.30a.m.)

3rd & 4th Classes: Wednesday afternoon (2p.m.- 2.30p.m.)

Junior & Senior Infants: Thursday morning (10.00a.m.-10.30a.m.)

5th & 6th Classes : Friday afternoon (2p.m.- 2.30p.m.)

World Book Day

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3rd March. We invite all children to dress up as their favourite book character. Weather permitting, we will have a parade in the school yard at 9.15a.m..

Lá Glas (Green Day)

We will have our annual Green Day on Wednesday 16th March. Children will have the opportunity to dress up in green and we will have a fun day "As Gaeilge"

Seachtain na Gaeilge (1st-17th March)

We are really looking forward to Seachtain na Gaeilge which commences on Tuesday 1st March. We have lots of activities planned including Irish dancing, bingo, garden trails, maths & baking all through Gaeilge.

Other exciting activities for all classes between now and Easter:

- 14th March : Colin Travers visiting school to give us the opportunity to meet wild birds
- 30th & 31st March : Easter Art Workshops with Diane
- 5th April: Science Workshop – "All about Forces"
- 6th April: Skipping Workshop

Reminder – we are closed on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March for national Bank Holidays.