



10<sup>th</sup> October 2023

I hope everyone is well and all have settled back to school life. We had a very busy September and October is proving to be equally fun and interesting.

### **1. Wellbeing Trips:**

Last week all classes went on wonderful wellbeing trips. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> classes went to Kilmacurragh Gardens to celebrate National Tree Day.

It was a very wet day for our planned Jun/ Snr Inf & 1<sup>st</sup> class trip so we changed our plan from Kilmacurragh to Kidzone in Wicklow. The children had a fantastic time.

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes went on a hike on the Wicklow Way. It was a beautiful day of fresh air and adventure. A big thank you to all the parents who helped on the day and for the delicious sausages that were a welcome snack out in the open air. We look forward to our wellbeing trips in term 2.

### **2. GAA Blitz:**

We are delighted to be taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol GAA blitzes. Last week the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class boys took part in the football blitz and this week the girls will take part in the camogie blitz in partnership with the girls school. We also will take part in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class boys hurling blitz the following week.

### **3. Harvest Thanksgiving Service:**

Thank you to all our families who attended the Harvest Service on Sunday. The children created beautiful art for the church and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes made bread. It was a lovely morning of thanksgiving in St. Saviour's Church.

**4. Admissions 2024** are commencing shortly. We will start accepting applications on 17<sup>th</sup> October and the closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to apply for a place in junior infants and have not already completed an expression of interest or if you have any questions please contact the school office.

### **5. PA AGM 2023/24**

We invite all parents to attend the PA AGM on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October @ 7:30pm in St. Saviour's hall. This is an informative evening where you will hear a presentation from the PA, Mrs. Doyle and Tim Ryan.

### **6. Sausage Day**

We are having a sausage day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. All funds raised are in aid of Unicef. All orders need to be given by Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. If you have already placed your order you do not need to re-enter it. Anyone who has not ordered pls do so by the text link that was sent last week. Thank you to Rebecca Santos for facilitating the sausage day.

### **7. Stay Safe Programme**

All classes are commencing the Stay Safe programme. All parents have received a link to give consent for your child to be part of the programme. If you have any questions please contact your class teacher.

### **8. Beyond the Trees**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October all classes have been invited to Beyond the Trees in Avondale. This is a complimentary trip and we are delighted to take part.

### **9. PJ's & Crazy Hair day – 27<sup>th</sup> October (this is a full school day)**

On Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> October we are looking forward to pajamas and crazy hair day. Children are invited wear their PJ's to school and create a crazy hair style. The children will parade in the small yard at 9:15am and parents are welcome to watch the parade at this time. Then the children will have breakfast in school. Thank you to the PA for organising the breakfast.



### **10. Healthy Eating Bulletin**

Each month we will distribute a healthy eating bulletin, which will include tips and ideas for healthy eating.

Next week we will distribute the October edition. If you have any ideas/contributions for the bulletin please email [adoyle@stsavioursns.com](mailto:adoyle@stsavioursns.com)

### **11. Pure Mile Awards**

St. Saviour's NS have been nominated for an education award at the Pure Mile Awards Evening in Brooklodge on 26<sup>th</sup> October. This nomination was based on our litter picking campaign last year and our sustainability theme for science week 2022. In our science week we focused on upcycling clothes and understanding fast fashion. We are delighted to be nominated and look forward to the event.

### **12. Peace Proms**

We are thrilled to be accepted for the Peace Proms event in 2024. This event is for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes and it is a lovely event to be part of. More details will be sent to 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class over the next few days.

### **13. French Classes**

Weekly French classes are taking place in 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes with David Hardel. The children are loving their classes and learning lots. Thank you to David for facilitating the classes.

### **14. Music and Orchestra Classes**

We are delighted to welcome back Mr. Dunne to teach 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes and orchestra. We have 20 members in our orchestra after-school class. The children are playing lots of instruments including trombone, flute, clarinet, base guitar, trumpet & drums. We look forward to the end of year recital.

### **15. Art Competitions**

We are delighted to take part in the Credit Union Art competition and the 'Someone like you' Art competition.

### **16. Globe Ireland Air Quality Campaign**

We are delighted to be part of the GLOBE Ireland Air Quality Campaign!

As part of the project we are measuring nitrogen dioxide, a traffic-related pollutant, outside at schools. The project began on the 28<sup>th</sup> September and is in conjunction with [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](https://www.epa.ie/) of Ireland.

### **17. New Primary Math Curriculum**

The Department of Education are releasing a new primary maths curriculum. Mrs Doyle and Mrs Spencer are receiving curricular training this week.

### **18. Nature Trust - Acorn Gathering Event at the Ballygannon Woods Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

2<sup>nd</sup> class have been invited to take part in the Acorn Gathering Event at the Ballygannon Woods, they will be joined by Coillte Nature's Biodiversity experts. They will travel out on David Binions bus. Please ensure your child wears suitable clothing and footwear for the woods.

### **Dates for your diary**

- PA Movie Night – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – 9pm “ The Adams Family”
- Maths Week – 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October Lots of exciting maths activities planned.
- Christ Church / St. Patricks Cathedral for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November