



Newsletter October 2020

Mid-Term Break

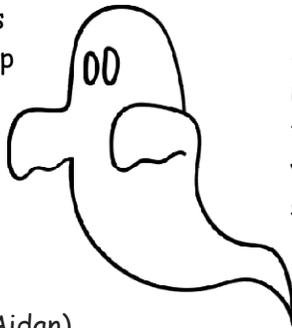
We will get our Halloween break on Friday the 23rd of October. We will be at home for a week. We will return to school on the 2nd of November. (Conor)

Dress Up Day

Dress up day is on the 23rd of October. On Dress up day we will dress up in our Halloween Costumes like a skeleton, pumpkin, pirate or dog. We will play games like musical statues and have a Costume contest. There will be treats. We will watch "The Witches" on the same day. (Olivia)

Halloween

Halloween is on the 31st of October every year. Halloween was first a harvest festival. People wore costumes because they thought that Halloween was the one day of the year when spirits walked the earth, so they dressed up to blend in with the spirits. Some of the main foods we eat at Halloween are Barm Brack, nuts and toffee apples. These foods are part of the harvest crop. (Kieran)
In the school we put up Halloween decorations and created pictures. (Aidan)



Last week Ms Barry brought in some pumpkins for the senior room to paint. All of the children came up with really good designs like zombies, goblins, demons and ghouls. We left the pumpkins to dry until the Monday when we got to bring the pumpkins home in time for Halloween! (David)

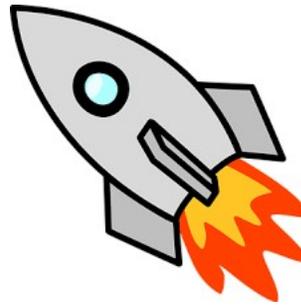


Postponed Tour

Our school tour to Burren Farm Experience was meant to be on the 6th October but due to Covid19 it was postponed. We hope to go after Christmas. (Ryan)

Space Week

From the 5th to the 9th of October it was Space Week in Boston National School. We learned about life on the International Space Station. We also learned about Russian cosmonaut Yuri



Gagarin, American astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Buzz Aldrin and British astronaut Tim Peake. On the 20th of October a spacecraft launched by NASA landed on an asteroid called

Bennu. We learned about all of the planets in our Solar System. If you look up into the sky on a clear night you will be able to see different planets in the Solar System. And the patches of light that you can see in the night sky that look like a few stars put together are actually distant galaxies, and in about five billion years, the Milky Way and another galaxy will collide, forming a super galaxy, but all life on Earth will be gone. In the closest galaxy to us there is a planet called Kepler that is almost identical to Earth. In the small room they made a solar system with different objects like an apple and a soccer ball, learning the sizes of the planets. They learned that Jupiter is the biggest planet and Mercury the smallest planet. Then they made some Lego rockets with their own designs and colours. (Joseph & Martina)





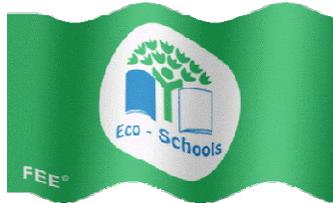
Seesaw

Seesaw is an app which can be used to send videos and pictures so that teachers see all our work. It is easy to use and fun at the same time. (Nickolas)

Green Flag

On Monday the 12th of October we had a Green Day. Róisín Garvey came to our school to raise the green flag for water.

We had ice cream, green jelly and sweets to celebrate. (Moya)



The travel flag is a flag for schools to reduce fossil fuel and try to cycle, run, walk or take the bus to school. Our slogans for travel are "The world will look really cool if you reduce fossil fuel." by Eva Jaffray and "Put your car into retirement, take a walk and save the environment." by Isla Hirst. We had a bike day where we brought our bikes into school. (Eva & Isla)

Bicycle Safety

We watched some videos on how to ride a bicycle. We learned how to do the two o'clock and twelve o'clock starting positions. We also learned how to put on a bicycle helmet properly. (Eimear)



On bicycle day we all got to bring our bikes and did some training. Here at school some people brought in their scooters and skateboards as well. We had so much fun. People who brought their bike went to the church car park and those who brought their boards stayed at the school. On Friday the 16th October Tiernan from the Green Schools Team came to teach us about cycle safety. Tiernan, Ms. Lee and Ms. O'Callaghan brought us cycling on the road. (Gabriel & Gabrielly)

National fitness Day

On the 24th of September it was National Fitness Day and Boston National School took part. Every child and teacher was active on that day. Everyone had lots of fun and enjoyed themselves.

During the morning session we did obstacle courses, ping pong and basketball. After the morning session we took a break. Later we did rounders, yoga poses and Dodge ball. We all had great fun. (Cairínn & Kathellyn)

Active School

This year we have started an Active run. During our active run we run around the school 3 or 4 times after small break, our aim is to get the whole way around Ireland. In total we have run 172.4km so we have almost made it to Dublin already. (Róisín)

On the Boston National School grounds there are numbers 1-10. When you go to each number you can see a different view. This is known as our active walk and we try to do it every day at each break. (Aishling)

Facebook

You can find us on Facebook. We put up our pictures and some information about what we are doing. Our page name is Boston National School. (Julie)

Farewell and Good Luck!

This week we will bid farewell to our secretary Loretta Egan. Loretta has worked in Boston National School for over 10 years. She has been a great asset and will be greatly missed by the whole school community. We wish her every success and the best of luck in her new position in Gort Community School. Go n-éirí léi!

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over the past two months. The children have been fantastic and have adapted to the new routines very quickly. They deserve a lovely relaxing break and I hope you all enjoy it. (Áine Ní Dhochartaigh)