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# October Newsletter

Dear Parents,  
Welcome to the *October* edition of our School Newsletter. It has been a very busy term but everyone is now settled back to School and enjoying their new classes. ☺

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## In School Training and Continuing Professional Development

Mrs. Dineen is continuing in her Professional Development for newly appointed principals.

We are now a **Droichead** school. This means that we mentor, support and guide Newly Qualified Teachers in our school. It is no longer completed by an external Inspector. Ms. Flynn and Ms. McCormack are both completing training as Primary Support Team members for Newly Qualified Teachers that work in our school.

## School News

**Standardised Tests:** Children from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class completed Sigma-T and Micra-T tests in October.

**GAA Coaching:** Our GAA Coach, James has been with all the classes every Friday teaching us lots of new skills. He will continue to come to us after the midterm break.

**Rugby Coaching:** Bernard, a coach from Leinster Rugby has been coaching the children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> for the past few weeks and will have a few more coaching sessions with us after the midterm break.



The Green-Schools Committee met last week and put a plan in place on activities and events they want to carry out throughout the year. Some of their wonderful ideas included encouraging each class to reduce, reuse and recycle and organising regular litter clean ups. For Climate Action week, the green-schools committee organised a zoom event for 1st and 2nd class. They tuned in to hear writer and illustrator Oisín McGann debut his new storybook about climate change and the senior classes were invited to enter a poster competition on climate change.



The Active Flag Committee have been very busy this term; they have cleared out and organised the PE store room, have organised committee meetings and some activities for all the classes in the school. This term the whole school focused on the Dance Strand of the curriculum and everyone had lots of fun creating their own dances. The Daily Mile was completed by 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class and everyone in the school will participate in a "Witchy Run" on the day of the Halloween holidays.



*Thank you for your support, help and patience over the past two months. We have thankfully had a very safe and happy return to school. We hope that you have a lovely, restful and enjoyable Halloween break. We look forward to seeing you again at 9am Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November! ©*