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Dear Parents & Guardians,

We hope that you had a restful Hallowe'en break. We have a busy term ahead of us. Please find below details of some of the upcoming activities.

Principal's Introduction

My name is Paul O'Connor. I have recently been appointed as the new principal of Robertstown National School. I look forward to working with you and the children throughout the school year.

School Closure

A reminder that our school will be closed next **Monday 11th of November** as teachers will be attending a training day for the Primary Mathematics Curriculum.

New School Enrolments

We have commenced accepting applications for our Junior Infant class and ASD class for September 2025. The **deadline** for applications is **Friday the 15th of November**. If you wish to enrol your child for a different class within the school, please call into the office.

Witches Walk

Thank you to everyone that supported our Witches Walk before the mid-term break. The children looked amazing in all of their costumes and we raised €156.00 which will go towards resources for the school.

Swimming

Gentle reminder that Swimming lessons for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes will commence tomorrow for five weeks (5th, 12th, 19, 26th of November and 3rd of December). Aquatics is such a vital life skill and a mandatory part of the Physical Education

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curriculum. Children will need a towel, togs and swimming cap. Permission is essential for children to attend. Cost for the term is €50.00, a link has been set up on Aladdin for payment. Please pay any outstanding balances as soon as possible. Many thanks to everyone that has already paid.

Science Week

Next week is National Science Week. To celebrate this, the school is running a ***Build-a-Bridge*** competition in each class. Pupils are being asked to build their own bridge at home using recycled materials. As the school is closed for Curriculum training on Monday 11th November it's the perfect opportunity to spend the day getting creative with their construction skills! There is no need to go to any expense buying materials, whatever they can find at home to use will be perfect. We have attached some images for inspiration.

A bridge must be able to bear weight and so, to test their bridges teachers will be checking to see if the bridge can hold a paper cup for Junior Infants - 2nd Class and an empty tin of beans for 3rd - 6th class.

All bridges must be brought to school on ***Wednesday 13th November***. There will be a prize for the most creative/innovative bridge in each class but the emphasis will very much be on the enjoyment of taking part. We look forward to seeing what our Scientists/Engineers come up with!

County Photos

County Photos will be in our school on **Tuesday 12th November** to take school photos.

Children's Christmas Cards

We have received the children's sample Christmas cards which will be sent home **today**. These can be ordered online by scanning the QR code on the card or by sending in cash to the office. The deadline for orders is **Wednesday the 13th of November**.



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Book Fair

The Book Fair will visit the school next week. Children will have the opportunity to view the books on Thursday 14th November. They can then purchase books until Thursday 21st November. The school receives up to 60% of sales in book vouchers for our school library which is a great support to developing our school library.

Kilmainham Gaol

3rd and 4th class will be going on their school tour to Kilmainham Gaol on **Friday 15th November**. The cost for the bus is €10.00 per student. A link has been set up on Aladdin. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.

Shoebox Appeal

Our Catholic Schools Committee along with Ms. Conroy are organising the annual Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The closing date for this year's appeal is this **Friday 8th of November**. This is an incredibly selfless and generous undertaking. We thank you for your ongoing support for this wonderful appeal.

6th Class Retreat

As part of Sixth Class Confirmation preparation, the children will be attending a Confirmation retreat day on **Thursday 5th December 2024** in Mount St. Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. The cost of the retreat is €30 which also includes the price of the bus and refreshments on the day. The bus will leave the school at 9am sharp on the morning of the retreat and will return by the end of the school day. A link has been set up on Aladdin for payments and all payments should be paid in full by **Friday 29th November**.

Bric-a-Brac Collection

On Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024, our school will hold our annual Bric-A-Brac charity sale. Items such as toys, unwanted small items, pictures, jewellery, teddies, ornaments, books etc can be sent into the school from tomorrow.



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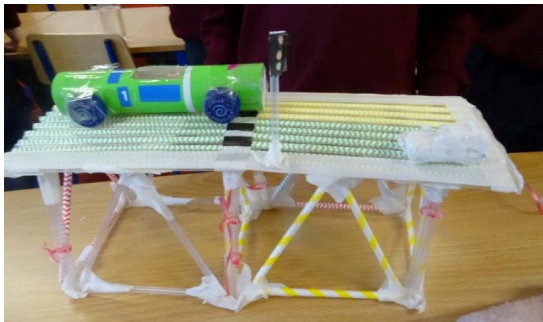
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Our sale will raise funds for our school and 'Blood Bike Leinster' who are providing support to a member of our school community. Thank you for your support.



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