

Scoil Maelruain News

February 2023.

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Principal's Corner

As Spring begins, the children continue to shine here with us at Scoil Maelruain Junior.

We have been busy over the past few weeks. As per the outcome of the parents and staff surveys, our 'Hand Towel Initiative' continues with news of it below.

Stephen from 'Thomas Davis' is back to train our Second Classes and the children are working hard in their classrooms.

As 2023 begins, we look forward to another successful new year here in Scoil Maelruain Junior.

Mrs. Claire Durr.

In this edition of Scoil Maelruain News...

**SAFER
ROUTES
TO
SCHOOL
SURVEY**

PARISH NEWS

SCHOOL MAGIC SHOW!

ALDI SPORTS EQUIPMENT COMPETITION

**HAPPY CAMPERS
RETURNS!**

HAND-TOWEL UPDATE

And lots more!

Scoil Maelruain Junior,
Oldbawn Avenue,
Tallaght,
Dublin 24.

Principal: Mrs. Claire Durr
Deputy Principal: Ms. Aideen Butler

Tel: 01 4513967
scoilmaelruainjunior@gmail.com

Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

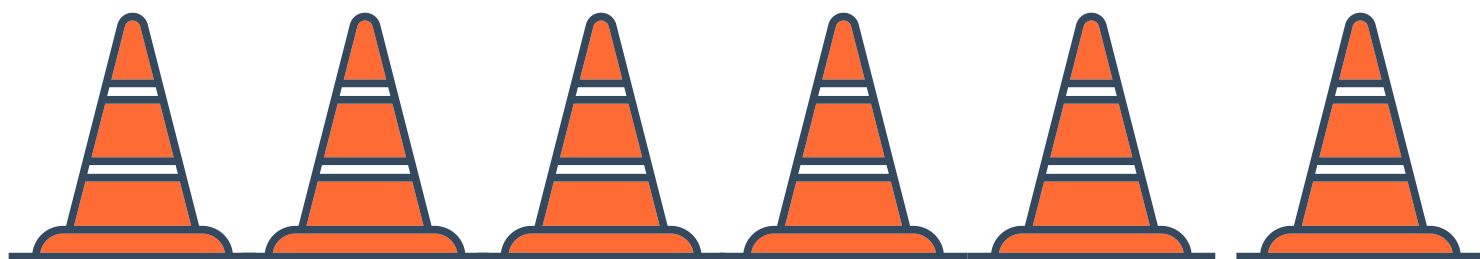
Health & Safety Reminder

We would like to thank those parents who continue to use the pathways when walking their children through the school grounds.

There are some children who are using the carpark to make their way to their lines. We had an incident recently where children were running around the cars on their way to their line. A staff member was reversing and did not see the children until the last moment and thankfully, was able to stop.

We would like to impress on parents how important it is for their children's safety that they use the pathways when they are walking with their children on the school grounds.

We appreciate your continued support!



Dates for School Closures.

February 2023:

Mid Term: School is closed on Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February. School reopens on Monday 20th February.

March 2023:

16th March: School closed for teacher training for the **full** day.

St Patrick's Day: School is closed 17th March.

Easter: School closes on Friday 31st March @ 12.00pm and re-opens on Monday 17th April.

May 2023:

1st & 2nd May school is closed both days.

19th May: School is closed for teacher training for the **full** day.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

'Safer Routes to School.'

Parents Survey.



We are delighted that our school has been selected to participate in the 'Safe Routes to School' programme. Safe Routes to School is designed to improve safety at the school gate and to support students to safely walk, cycle and scoot to school.

As part of the initial phase of this programme, the 'Safe Routes to School' team would like to gather information on how our students travel to school and where they start their journey.

We are asking all parents to complete the short survey by February 24th, regardless of how your child or children travels to school. There is one survey for both Scoil Maelruan's JNS and Scoil Maelruan's SNS as we know that parents may have children attending both schools.

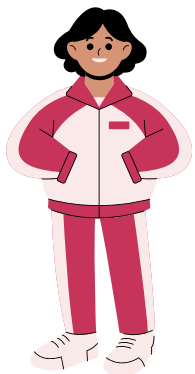
The survey was sent out over the past few days and we would appreciate any feedback that you can provide.

A reminder about School Tracksuits.

All school tracksuits will be available from:

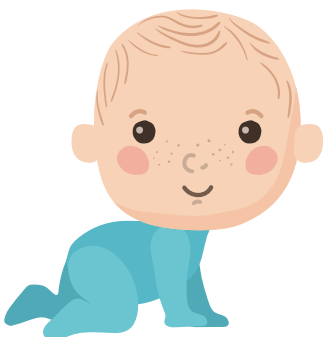
'Sisters' in Tallaght Village Green.

The school will no longer be selling them from the office.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ms. C. Farrell on the birth of her baby boy recently!



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Happy Campers Returns!

The hugely popular 'Happy Campers' will be running a camp over the Easter Holidays.

The camp will run from Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April inclusive with lots of fun activities planned for all participants!

To register your interest please email:

jointhehappycampers@gmail.com



Aldi Sports Equipment Competition.

We are currently collecting tokens from Aldi to be in with a chance to win some sports equipment for our school.

Aldi are offering the chance for a school to win €50,000 of equipment if we can fill a poster with 300 spaces with tokens customers receive when the shop instore.

We need 300. Tokens are rewarded for €25 spent in an Aldi store.

We would really appreciate if you could send in these tokens with your children to the school. Many thanks!



Happy
Valentine's
Day

From everyone here at Scoil Maelruain Junior, we would like to wish you all a very happy 'Saint Valentine's Day.'

We also hope you have a restful and enjoyable mid-term break!



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

Our Magic Show-The Magic Button!

Over the past few weeks, the boys and girls had the pleasure of viewing a 'Magic Show' performed by Sean, Alex, Mia and Ryan in Ms. McGrath's class. All four children now outline their experience of putting the show together.

We went around to all the classrooms. We told the children about saving water. We all hope that they use the 'Magic Green Button' on our cisterns. It will save 4 litres of water with every flush.

We did a 'Magic Show' show first and 'saved' a rabbit out of the magician's hat! We told the children that they could do magic everyday too by pressing the green button and saving four litres of water!

It was great to see lots of smiles! We had so much fun and all the classes were very excited to use the 'Magic Green Button'!

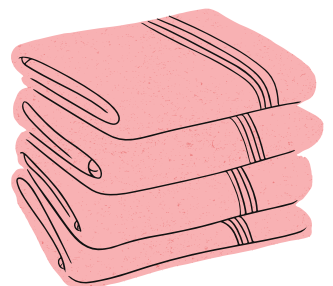
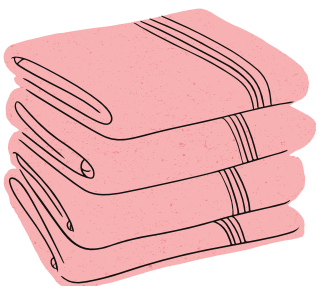


Hand Towel Initiative

Well done to all the children for their active participation in our 'Hand Towel' initiative. By re-using a washable hand towel instead of disposable tissue, they are all playing an active part in making our school more environmentally friendly!

Second class student, **Sebastian Kennedy** now outline his experience of participating in the initiative.

"Our school is very happy because of recent changes. We have stopped using paper towels. We trialled using our own towels to see if it would be a good idea or not. It was going well but our towels were damp, sometimes not that fresh and our parents had to wash them. The something amazing happened! Dunnes Stores at 'The Square' donated 500 towels to our school! They are much softer than the paper towels. Even better, we are being sustainable. Gary made wooden peg racks to hold our towels."



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.

'Come & See' at St. Martin de Porres Church.

As your child prepares to receive the sacrament of 'First Holy Communion' or 'Confirmation', would you like to explore your own faith journey?

Take an opportunity, during Lent, to reflect on your relationship with Jesus?

Come together with other parents, for 45 minutes a week, and listen as they share their faith story.

Friends and family are all welcome.

Have time to chat and reflect on what you hear over a cup of tea. You are welcome to bring along your other children who will be looked after while you take time for yourself and God.

When? Commences on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd from 1:30pm – 2:15pm in St. Martin de Porres Church.



Irish Dance Classes

The Mowlds Academy of Irish Dancing are hosting Irish dance classes in the school every Wednesday at 2.30pm.

Irish dance teacher, Natalie Mowlds has twenty years experience and has been holding classes in Scoil Maelruain for the last twelve years.

Through the classes, Natalie encourages each child's natural ability to move and dance while in turn teaching basic Irish dancing steps in a fun way.

For further details, contact Natalie on 087 7471957.



Scoil Maelruain News

A snippet of life from our school in Old Bawn.



Parents' Association



Fundraising - Readathon 13th to 19th February 2023.

We will be kicking off 2023 with a 'Readathon Fundraiser'. Each child will receive a sponsorship card before we break up for the mid-term break. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child and encourage their reading skills. Funds and sponsorship cards are to be returned to your child's teacher by Friday the 24th February.

School Librarians - Volunteers.

The school will be opening the school library in the coming weeks and will need parents to volunteer and staff the library – kind of like becoming 'volunteer school librarians'. To launch the opening, the Parents' Association hope to bring in a local children's book author to read to the classes. If the library is manned for at least 4 hours a week, it will mean that each class gets a 30 minute slot per month.

Bringing Parents Together.

The Parents Association will be organising a number of events between now and the end of the school year to bring parents together and help to build connections across your child's school years in Scoil Maelruain Junior.

These will be:

Drop and walk on Wednesdays.

The Parents Association will meet parents who would like to go for a walk and meet other parents. This will be organised straight after drop off. We will be meeting at the playground at Aylesbury Field to do a few laps on the pitches and have a chat. Your class reps will be in touch to get a feel for the right day to run this walk.

Parents Talk – “Embrace the Chaos”

On the 23 March 2023 – Rachael Smith (a valued member of the teaching staff) will give a talk to parents with the aim of helping parents change from feeling overwhelmed and unfilled to feeling calm, content and confident. Further details to follow.

First Aid Training and Certification.

The Parents Association have sourced a trainer to deliver first aid training, once we have enough numbers, we can confirm a date. We are hoping to run this near the end of March/April. Please contact Gill Doyle on 0876630665 if you are interested.

If you need to get in touch you can email us at scoilmaelruainjrpa@gmail.com. Don't forget, all parents are open to join the Parents Association. The more the merrier!