

October 2018

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

Halloween break comes a day early to us this year as we close Friday to facilitate voting in the Presidential election.

We are very sorry to hear of death of one of our parents Liam Burke. May he rest in peace. We will pray for him in school and support Damien on his return to school afterwards. It is very important to talk to your child and reassure them of any fears they may have. Follow this link for a very helpful booklet on talking to your child about this

https://www.tusla.ie/uploads/content/Parents_Coping_with_Death_d3.pdf

Yours sincerely,

Eilis Treacy

School Principal

Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber this year will be on **Wednesday the 21st of November**. Gather any old clothes, bed linen, shoes and fill any type of large refuse sack. The last few years have generated up to €800 each which were spent on Green Schools and teacher resources. It's a very pain free, hassle free way of making funds for the school. This year we would like to purchase some much needed soccer balls, basket balls, hula hoops, beanbags and other PE equipment.

We are accepting bags right now and storing them in the shed until collection day. The path of our donated clothes is very interesting and more information can be found on www.cashforclobber.ie I have seen donated clothes sold in markets in India, Morocco and Tanzania and our unwanted clothes provide real livelihoods and great fashion for people in many 3rd world countries.



Upcoming Events

October 25

School Halloween Dress-Up
Trick or treat for Temple St €2

October 26

Closed for Election

Oct 29- Nov 2

Halloween Mid-term break

November 14th & 15th

Parent/Teacher Meetings

November 21

Cash For Clobber Collection

Check out the full calendar on
www.eyrecourtns.ie

Money collections:

Some money still outstanding

Music

€20 to Christmas
(1st class to 6th class)



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



It is much too early to be mentioning Christmas, however the shoeboxes have a long way to travel and need to be packed now. The forms and labels will be distributed today and the boxes will be collected on the **9th of November**.

This is a very worthwhile activity and our pupils have been very generous

towards other less fortunate children down through the years.

Green School

The Green School committee is delighted to report that there are very organised bins this year in all classrooms. We are again encouraging less packaging in lunches and as we all have fabulous airtight lunch boxes, there is really no need for cling film and other single use packaging.

Most pupils drink from reusable bottles and everyone brings their waste from their lunch home with them.

Coderdojo

Coderdojo is set to return on Wednesday 7th of November.

Coderdojo is a free programming club for 10 to 18 year olds. 4th class upwards in other words. We are one of the longest running clubs in Co. Galway and in Ireland, we began in 2013. The club opened up in 2016 to children outside of our school.

The club begins each week at 7pm and lasts an hour and a half. Pupils work on Scratch, App Inventor, HTML, Tinkercad, Raspberry Pi and various other coding languages and devices to make games, stories and get hardware to work.

All kids need for the club is:

- A parent/guardian who must stay for the session
- A laptop (if possible so they can continue at home, but laptops are available for use)
- Plenty of imagination and enthusiasm

We have attended Coolest Projects in the RDS for the past three years and pictured below is the gang that attended last year. For any further details ask Ms Treacy or email eyrecourtcoderdojo@gmail.com

