

October 2019

# St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parent,

With only one week to our Halloween break, the summer holidays seem so long ago.

We had exciting news today from Fr. McNerney. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be making their confirmation on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11am in Meelick Church. Along with the pupils of Clonfert NS, they will be part of the first ever confirmation performed by the newly ordained Bishop Duignan.

2<sup>nd</sup> class also got the exciting news of their First Holy Communion. It will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in Eyrecourt Church.

Yours sincerely,

*Eilis Treacy*

School Principal

## Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber this year will be on **Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of November**. Gather any old clothes, bed linen, shoes and fill any type of large refuse sack. Last year we raised over €1200 in two collections. We are spending last years money on PE equipment and golf lessons for the junior classes.

It's a very pain free, hassle free way of making funds for the school. 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries.



## Upcoming Events

### October 25

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

### Oct 28- Nov 1

Halloween Mid-term break

### November 13 & 14

Parent/Teacher Meetings

### November 20

Cash For Clobber Collection

### March 21

Confirmation

### June 6

First Holy Communion

Check out the full calendar on  
[www.eyrecourtns.ie](http://www.eyrecourtns.ie)

## Money collections:

### Music

€20 to Christmas  
(1<sup>st</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class)

### Christmas Annuals

€3

### Photograph Money

To be returned by Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

## 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 have been distributed today and the boxes will be collected on the **8<sup>th</sup> of November**.

This is a very worthwhile activity and

our pupils have been very generous towards other less fortunate children down through the years.

## Christmas Annuals

Order slips were sent home this week. Each annual costs €3.

## Photographs

The closing date for ordering photographs is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Any orders after that date will be delayed.

## Split the Pot

We have had great success with Split the pot so far. To date €106 has been raised for the school. This will really help with the maintenance and day to day running costs of the school.

Each Thursday two sixth class pupils count the envelopes and money with Patricia. At the end of small break the draw is held and a junior infant selects the winner. The winner is then contacted by text or call by Patricia and the money arranged to be sent home. The winners so far are listed below and this list is also on the school website.

October 3rd:	€ 33	Colman Gohery
October 10th	€ 37	Duffy Family
October 17th	€36	Oisín Larkin

## Board of Management

The current Board of Management will finish up at the end of November. When we return to school after Halloween you will receive letters regarding nominations to the Board of Management. There are two parent nominees on the Board of Management. The next Board of Management will serve from December 2019 to November 2023. All will be explained fully after Halloween.

## Coderdojo

Coderdojo is set to return on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

Coderdojo is a free programming club for 10 to 18 year olds. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 four years. For any further details ask Ms Treacy, email [eyrecourtcoderdojo@gmail.com](mailto:eyrecourtcoderdojo@gmail.com) and have a look at the Coolest Projects and Coderdojo websites online.

## School Activities

- PE / Tracksuit days  
Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> : Thurs & Fri  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Friday  
5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>: Monday
- Hurling & Camogie  
Wednesday 12-1pm  
2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class