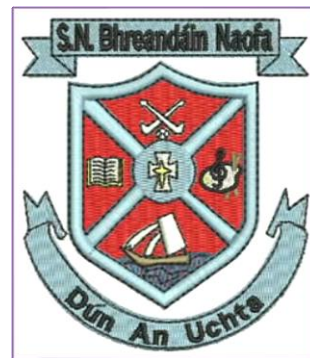


October 2021

St. Brendan's NS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Halloween break is just around the corner, these weeks have really flown by.

Welcome to our new family of Emma, Benni and David who are settling in really well.

Thank you for your continued vigilance with Covid. While contact tracing is not in place for cases in school, parents are asked to keep their child at home if they are sick. See the poster below.

At our most recent Board of Management meeting, it was decided that if there ever was a positive case in the school a text would be sent out to all parents to say there was a positive case in the school and to monitor your child for any symptoms. So far, we have been very fortunate to have had no cases of Covid while in school.

Yours sincerely,

Eilís Treacy

School Principal

Upcoming Events

<http://www.eyrecourtns.ie/calendar.php>
for full year of school holidays and important dates

Fri 22nd Oct

Halloween Dress Up

Wed 17th Nov

Cash for Clobber

8th-12th Nov

Parent/Teacher meetings

Fri 5th Nov

Christmas Shoe Boxes to be returned

Money collections:

Photographs

Photographs were sent home this week. They can be purchased online or sent in to Patricia. Today is the final day.

Secretary:

Patricia is in the school office
Mon-Thurs 9am-11am
090 9675362
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There has been a lot of confusion about the symptoms parents need to be aware of. The public health authorities ask parents not to send their child to school if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Fever (38°+)
- New cough
- Shortness of breath
- Loss/change of smell/taste
- Fatigue
- Aches/pains
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Feeling sick
- Diarrhoea

Or with any of the above symptoms and a runny/stuffy nose.



Halloween Fun

We always enjoy the build up to Halloween.

On Friday 22nd October the children can wear a costume to school. We will have plenty of Halloween activities in the classrooms and plan on parading our outfits out on the yard for each other.

Make sure your child wears something they're comfortable in as they have a full school day and like to run around at break. Have your child wear leggings or skins underneath their costume too. Families should not feel any pressure to buy costumes, children can wear any costume that they like, we especially enjoy seeing homemade costumes.

We will be supporting Temple Street hospital and ask for a €2 donation.

Teachers have many activities and treats planned for their class that day. Pack their normal lunch, the teachers and school will have treats to share throughout the day.

Cash for Clobber

We will have our Cash for Clobber collection on the 17th of November.

Unwanted clothes, shoes, bed linen are all welcome.

Pillows, quilts or soiled clothing cannot be accepted.

Clothes may be left into the school for storage for November.

Parent Teacher Meetings

We will host our Parent Teacher Meetings this year on the week 8th-12th November.

Meetings will again be by phone this year. A timetable will be drawn up and finalised the week after the Halloween break.

For children that receive some support, they will have a face to face parent teacher meeting. They will meet with me and the class teacher and we will go through the child's support plan.

Board of Management 2019-2023

The current Board of Management was finalised in early 2020. Due to school disruptions the list of Board of Management members was not circulated to parents. The Board consists of 8 members.

Chairperson: Fr. Declan McInerney

Secretary: Éilis Treacy

Teacher nominee: Amber McGrath (Gerardine Moran-Barrett until her retirement)

Two nominees from the parent body: Ellen Davis and Basil Larkin

Two nominees from the community: Aiden Treacy and Declan Dunican

Two nominees from the patron: Mary Killeen (and Fr. Declan McInerney)

We are lucky to have a very able Board of Management with expertise in many fields. The board meets at least every term and more often for appointments of teachers or other urgent business.

Our most recent meeting of the Board of management was held on 29/09/2021

Here are the agreed minutes:

- Correspondence received from Mrs Barrett thanking Eyrecourt NS for her send off in June. Mrs Barrett has sponsored YARC (York Assessment of Reading for Comprehension) for the school as a token of her appreciation.
- Teaching staff were trained in CPR, defibrillator use and choking by Eyrecourt CFR trainers Declan Dunican and Padraic Loughnane. It was decided that the school should have a defibrillator in the building and funding from Eyrecourt NS Parents Association would be requested.
- The post of Deputy Principal and Assistant Principal 2 post to be advertised and appointed following Department of Education guidelines in November 2021
- If a positive Covid case was to arise in the school, the principal will send a text to all parents stating that there is a case in the school and ask parents to monitor their child for any symptoms.