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**St. Attracta's Senior School, Meadowbrook, Dublin 16**

**NUACHTLITIR#2 DEIREADH-FÓMHAIR 2015 OCTOBER NEWSLETTER#2**

Welcome to our October Newsletter! It's hard to believe we have only one week to go to Book Week and two weeks to go to mid-term! But there's lots happening between now and then. Just reminding all parents – especially new parents – that if you're not sure about something just pick up the phone and ask – sometimes messages can get lost in translation and if we can help we'd be happy to do so – just call 01-2951627 or the school mobile 085-8726262. Beir bua! – *Muireann Máirtín*



**TOMORROW! TOMORROW! TWO BIG EVENTS -**

**JERSEY DAY**



As notified to you on the last newsletter, **tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** we'll have our annual GOAL Jersey Day. All pupils who donate €2 to this very worthy cause

can wear their sporting jerseys – preferably county or Irish - on the day. All proceeds will go to GOAL – check out

[www.goalglobal.org/about-us/our-story](http://www.goalglobal.org/about-us/our-story)

**STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

St. Attracta's Senior School will hold our Student Council elections **tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** – just like a general election. We told the children all about it in class and at assembly, so GOOD LUCK and thanks to all the students for adding their voice to our school! It's a very worthwhile venture in which our pupils really do make a difference!



*Just one week to go to Budget 2016...*

*have you stood up for primary education?*

Stand up for primary education - together we can succeed and with Budget Day just around the corner, we're asking all parents to contact their local public representative by email using the campaign website. It is very straightforward. All a person has to do is go to [www.standupprimary.ie](http://www.standupprimary.ie), select 'Email your local TD' and select her/his constituency. The programme will generate an email address for the relevant TDs and a pre-worded email.

**If you didn't get yesterday's note from your child –  
have a look in your child's schoolbag.**



Attention all parents  
of 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils -  
Provisional date for our  
Confirmation ceremony  
is Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**MATHS WEEK: MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Next week is Maths Week and we'll all be muddled and meddled with Maths! We'll be problem-solving, doing our maths trails and polishing off our Maths Eyes to see what we can see. Why not log into [www.mathsweek.ie](http://www.mathsweek.ie) and have a bit of fun yourselves.



**CAKE SALE**

Our first Cake Sale of the school year will take place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. This year, we hope to raise lots of money to help buy our first few I-Pads and to subsidise the cost of trips, visits and excursions which are planned for the pupils, so get out the recipes and let's start cooking! As usual we'll have our crepes (Thank you!) and our raffle. (Tickets 50c or 3 for €1) All raffle prizes very welcome!



**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT ELECTIONS COMING SOON**



As the current term for the Board of Management draws to a close, we will soon be looking for new parents to serve on our Board of Management. We truly value the support of parents in St. Attracta's Senior School, so please consider standing on the Board of Management and playing your part in the development of the school over the next four years. Sincere thanks to Michael Heaney and Breda Cahill for their time and commitment over the last four years. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

**AGM of ST. ATTRACTA'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 at 8.00 p.m. in Junior School Halla**

## BOOK WEEK: MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER



The Senior School Book Week is just around the corner! We'll send out our Book Week newsletter and timetable next Monday and we look forward to enjoying a week of book-related activities. Here's a novel idea for Dads and Mums. Why not hold a TV Turn-Off Week at home to coincide with Book Week (Shock! Horror!) Or if that's too drastic, then turn off the TV for an hour a day and read a book instead! ... It might just be worth a try! Think of the peace and quiet. No fights over the remote control! Just a good book and a bit of you time. Why not come into the school hall on Wednesday during Book Week when you're dropping or collecting the children and have a look at the book-related display in the Halla - there's something for everybody!

## KINDNESS COUNTS!



This year, we will continue with our Senior School initiative called Kindness Counts in which all children are encouraged to show a little kindness whenever they can. They are asked to spread the happiness by simple acts of kindness. Research shows this also prevents bullying amongst school children. As part of this movement which will continue throughout the year, we now have our Charity Chain and remember... Kindness, like a boomerang, always returns.

## WHAT IS THE CHARITY CHAIN?

No matter how badly off we are, there are always others who need our help! To that end, teachers and pupils support various charities throughout the year. This year, we will continue to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christmastime and the Trócaire Lenten Appeal at Eastertime. In addition to that we raised €500 on our Jersey Day in November and the proceeds will go towards the Laura Lynn Children's Hospice which cares for children with life limiting conditions. We also support the Irish Heart Foundation through the Skipathon, the Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, Barnardo's, the Children's Hospital, Bóthar and the Jack & Jill Foundation.... And that is our Charity Chain!



## HALLOWE'EN SAFETY



As the mid-term approaches, Hallowe'en is just around the corner. As per our Code of Good Behaviour, bringing dangerous items to school is considered VERY SERIOUS UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR and will be dealt with accordingly. Therefore we warn all our children to keep away from bangers and fireworks. Stay away from bonfires unless supervised by a responsible adult. Enjoy Hallowe'en but be safe and keep others safe too.

## STRANGER DANGER!

As the evenings grow darker once again we ask parents to tell your children when going home

- to leave promptly after school ends
- not to walk home alone, if possible
- to follow a route approved by you
- when crossing the Broadford Road to cross with the lollipop lady and **at all times to**
- avoid talking to strangers
- avoid approaching cars or vans they don't recognize or speaking to people they don't know.

It's very important that in unforeseen circumstances, children should know exactly what to do. Make sure your child knows exactly where to go after school and where to meet you if being collected, especially if they have extra-curricular activities. In the event of extra-curricular activities being cancelled, children are encouraged to use the school phone to contact you. We ask all parents to equip their children with the necessary skills to deal with situations where they don't feel safe or where they feel uncomfortable. We also work on this in school on a regular basis as part of our Stay Safe programme.

**Mobile phones are not allowed in school.**

**If you have any queries about this policy, please contact the principal.**

**No Climbing Trees or Chasing on**

**School Grounds or in the Church Garden – Morning Or Afternoon!!!**



**ADVANCE NOTICE: PARENT -TEACHER MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE**

**FROM TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 (Thursday being our late day)**