



# Holy Family Herald



### Welcome to our Newsletter



#### A word from the Principal...

As we approach mid-term, I call to mind the first week of this school year, when we welcomed all our new and current students back to school. I watched on with pride during the first week, as staff and students embraced each other, easing those first day nerves just a little. As I check in with these students this week particularly our junior infants, it is difficult to distinguish the new from the old as they have all settled into school life with ease!

We have had a busy start to the school year, giving children a host of new experiences. Cricket Leinster visited, our artist Claire is back working with classes, swimming lessons began, and our budding gardeners have been busy harvesting in the school garden. Our Well-Being committee have also met, and we look forward to the return of our weekly activities as a whole school after midterm. We will also welcome our Community Garda Sean Greene to the school this week for a talk about safety during Hallowe'en.

The school car park will be resurfaced at midterm which will bring to completion the drainage works that began in August. It will be a welcome addition to our front entrance.

Next term is set to be just as exciting with parent-teacher meetings and Christmas play preparations to look forward to. On behalf of all staff, I would like to thank you all for your support and dedication to our school over the last two months.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing midterm break.  
Óíche Shamhna Shona daoibh go léir,  
**Ms Martyn**

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Midterm: School closes on **Friday, October 28th** at the **normal finishing time** and will re-open on Monday November 7th at 8.50am.
- Parent Teacher meetings will take place on the week beginning November 28th. These will take place in person/phone call/ zoom.

A tree planting ceremony was held at Holy Family Parish Church on Sunday, the 2nd of October after Mass. An olive tree was planted by Fr. Killeen and students from Holy Family School. The tree represents our schools place in the parish church where our students receive their sacraments.



We are nearing the end of a wonderful week of yoga with Ms. Hurley here at Holy Family NS. We had a great group of 3rd and 4th class yogis join in each week and we went home on Wednesdays feeling relaxed and re-energised. A huge well done to all!



6<sup>th</sup> class taking part in a cricket lesson in association with Cricket Leinster and DLR County Council



4<sup>th</sup> class enjoying a hot chocolate treat in the staff room.



Junior Infants getting all Halloween-ny 



# Fancy Dress

The Parents Association are having a fancy dress competition for Halloween this Thursday. There will be a disco in the school hall and a best dressed winner will be selected from each class.

Holy Family Parent's Association held a bake sale on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. It was a great success and over €600 was raised. A big thank you to all who donated tasty treats to help make the day so enjoyable. Proceeds will go towards the Halloween disco and other fun activities for the students.



## ENGLISH

Conversational English classes for parents who are looking to improve their English have begun and will continue at 9am every Tuesday. They take place here in Holy Family School and there are still some places available. **Contact Mr. Quinn on 0871424248 for more details.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**  
**(This includes chocolate spread)**



Enrolments for September 2023 are now open. Spread the word about our wonderful school to your neighbours, friends and relatives in the area, we would love to have them join HFNS!