



Dear Parents/Guardians and Children,

Well done to all of the children who received certificates and prizes this week from Ms Lannery or myself, I was so impressed with all the acts of kindness and samples of good work in each room – keep up the good work everyone! Congratulations to Mr Mc Sweeney's class for their performance in the virtual assembly this week and thanks again to Ms Glynn's 6th class for organising.

Next week is anti-bullying week in our school. Children will have lessons and activities throughout the week promoting positive personal interactions. Lessons will also aim to provide children with the skills to manage challenging situations as they arise. Please talk to your child throughout the week to discuss these anti-bullying lessons.

Seesaw – There is a webinar by Le Chéile Online Learning running on October 8th specifically to support parents in the use of Seesaw app, registration on this link https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5W20K8IZSNOX60V-z-2DNA.

Homework will begin for all children next week. There will be some changes to homework in terms of correcting and how books are assigned to allow for cleaning/quarantining in school and there will be consistency across each class level. Children receiving learning support will be assigned homework by the support teacher and do not need to complete class homework too. Please contact teacher via Seesaw if homework is causing undue stress at home.

While things are quite different this year we are planning on having our annual **Witch Walk** in some form before the mid-term break. Our school fundraising team will be in touch with the details next week and we hope it will be, as it always has been, a fun filled day for the children again this year. The school relies on these fundraising events to continue to provide the rich learning experiences for your children and, as these will be less frequent due to Covid restrictions, this year your support is greatly appreciated.

Reminder: Please remember that children are not permitted to bring in treats or cakes for birthdays. Invitations are also not to be distributed at school as it can cause upset to some children. Children who arrive to school with these items will be asked to bring them home.

Contacting the school: The school office and email is extremely busy at the moment. **Please note that when you need to contact the school the most efficient way is through the school journal or Seesaw directly to your child's class teacher.** Class teachers cannot answer calls during the school day but you can arrange a call through Journal/Seesaw.

PA Update: It has recently come to our attention that there is a planning application in South Dublin Council Council from CK Hutchinson Networks Ireland. The location of this telecommunication 4G mast site is in St. Mary's GAA, Pairc Mhuire, Saggart, Co. Dublin. Due to the location of this 4G Mast structure to our School, the Parents Association Committee, with support from the Board of Management of the School, have agreed to lodge a submission with South Dublin County Council. If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to get in touch stmaryssaggartpa@gmail.com

*Please continue to be vigilant in observing possible symptoms of Covid 19 at home and refer to all of the documentation on our website if you have any concerns about your child. **There is a guide 'Should I send my child to school?', which is in line with HSE guidelines, available on the Covid tab on the school website (www.saggartns.ie).***

Kind Regards

Ms O'llill
Principal

Ms Lannery
Deputy Principal