



Tang NS - Autumn Newsletter 2023

As Hallowe'en break approaches, below are some activities the children have been involved in since we began in September and some important dates to take note of.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

Midterm Break: 27th October - 5th November

Primary Maths Curriculum School

Closure: School will be closed for teacher training in the new Maths Curriculum on **21st Nov 2023**.

Christmas Play for parents of Junior Infants, Senior Infants & 1st Class, Monday 18th December at 1:15pm in school hall.

Christmas Carol Service for 2nd to 6th will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 7:00pm in Tang Church

School Mass

Our annual Beginning of Year School Mass took place on 29th of September. Thank you to Fr Godwin saying Mass and to the children who sang their hearts out and Mrs Seery who provided the music.

Gymnastics

The children have enjoyed a six week gymnastics programme this term. Thank you to Damien from School Fitness Ireland for implementing the programme.

School Football

Training is back in full swing for boys every Monday and girls every Wednesday after school from 3pm to 4pm. The Cumman na mBunscoil competition has commenced and the children are enjoying playing other schools from around the county.

Congratulations to the 6th and 5th class children who competed and won their final

in a mixed football blitz organised by The Mercy Secondary School, Ballymahon.

Cross Country Running

The children of 4th, 5th and 6th class enjoyed a lovely day out in Belvedere on October 18th, at the Westmeath Cross Country Championships. Well done to Gavin Higgins who won an individual medal and to all the children who took part. The children have really improved their running skills by participating in the Daily Mile.

Friendship Week 16th -20th Sept

During Friendship week, the children participated in a variety of activities to promote kindness and friendship amongst each other. They all learnt what it means to be a friend and how they can show friendship to each other.

Crocus Project

Well done to all the children of 4th and 5th class who took part in the Crocus project. The project is an Irish initiative run by Holocaust Education Ireland designed to commemorate the lives of young people lost during the Holocaust. The children from Juniors and Seniors were aided by the children from 4th and 5th to plant the crocus bulbs. The crocuses should emerge by the end of January in time for Holocaust Remembrance Day on 27th of January.

National Tree Day

On Thursday, October 5th, we had a special celebration at our school. We planted a native Hazel tree for National Tree Day 2023! This tree is found all over Ireland, and it's famous for its delicious hazelnuts. A big thank you to Spar for providing the hazel tree for our school.

Maths Week 2023

Maths Week was a great success in our school this week as every class enjoyed maths games, activity boxes, class puzzles and outdoor maths trails. Well done everyone!

School Self Evaluation

Our current focus for school self evaluation and school improvement is **Wellbeing**. As part of the SSE process we have surveyed all children and parents. We are in the process of collating the data and coming up with targets to improve how we are doing as a school in terms of Wellbeing for all pupils, staff and parents.

Green Schools

We are delighted to welcome the new members of our Green Schools Committee this year. We are working on our sixth flag this year. Global Citizenship-Litter & Waste is the sixth theme of the Green Schools Programme. This theme enables schools to discover how Green-Schools work has positively influenced people and environments worldwide while revising the previous Litter and Waste theme.

Creative Schools

We have been selected to take part in the Creative Schools Initiative. We are currently engaging in a Creative Youth initiative where your child's class and their teacher are developing creative practices in our school. Information is being sent home with each child.

Child Protection

The child protection policy has been reviewed and updated and is available on the website to view. The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Mrs Catriona

Behan and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDPL) is Mrs Adelle Seery.

School Improvement - Science in Action

Under previous iterations of school improvement planning, we looked at improving the teaching and learning in Science in our school. One of our targets was to use our local habitats (the Woods, the Canal and the Bog) more in the teaching and learning of Science. We visit these habitats twice a year to learn about them during different seasons. On Thursday 26th October, our classes are taking off again to explore their habitats now that Autumn is truly upon us!

Structure of Support Teaching (SET)

As part of our recent survey for School Improvement on wellbeing, one key item that arose was parental understanding of how Support teaching works in Tang NS and in primary schools in general. As a means of addressing this, teaching staff worked collaboratively to come up with the following guide or information for parents. Please visit the link below on our website to find out more about support teaching (SET). <https://www.tangns.ie/how-support-teaching-set-is-structured.html>

Policies under review

Please visit the policies under review page on our school website to view policies currently under review. <https://www.tangns.ie/policies-under-review.html>. Parental feedback in all school policies is welcome at any time.

