



Scoil San Carlo Senior  
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# San Carlo Senior Primary School

# MALLOWEEN

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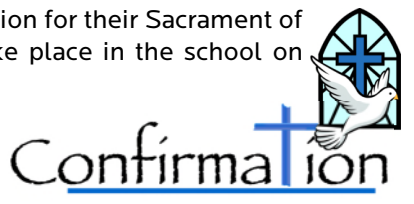
Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy year so far in school. All the pupils have settled back and are making great efforts to be the very best they can be. I would like to thank you all for your whole hearted support of the school. This newsletter will give a flavour of some of the activities that have taken place in the past few weeks.

### Confirmation 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019. In preparation for their Sacrament of Confirmation a meeting for parents of our Candidates for Confirmation will take place in the school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm here in the school.

The meeting will be addressed by Msgr. Dan O' Connor who will also officiate at the Confirmation ceremony in March



### Athletics



The cross country team have competed very successfully in three events this year.

In the Brother Ireland Invitational Race there was a first place for Caoimhe Keegan, a second place for Max Kovalevskis and the boys team also came second in the team competition.

In the Fingal Schools League the team achieved four individual first places, Caoimhe and Max again on both days Robertas Kucinskis and Vanessa Fleming both finished in first place on day one and in second place on day two

Thanks to Niall Sherlock, Geraldine McKiernan and Anna Lyons for training and travelling with the team.

We would also like to thank the Parents Association for their sponsorship of running singlets for the team.

### Rugby Coaching

To mark the end of the six week coaching the boys and girls the fifth and sixth classes took part in a Tag Rugby Blitz in Barnhall. A most enjoyable day was had by all involved. Thanks to Matt and Rob from Barnhall Rugby Club for sharing their expertise with the pupils.



### G.A.A.



The boys and girls U-11 football teams are participating in the Cumann na mBunscoil Football league. We wish both teams every success as they represent Scoil San Carlo in the competition.

The U-13 leagues will take place after Christmas.

I would like to thank Helen O'Shea and Eoin McCreary for their hard work and commitment to our school football teams.

Third classes are benefiting from G.A.A. coaching from Mick Gillick, G.A.A. Development Officer. After the mid term break the fourth classes will have an opportunity to enjoy G.A.A. coaching.

### Soccer

The third and fourth girls and boys leagues are currently underway. Thanks to Clare MacHugh for organising this competition and to all the teachers who give up their time to referee the games.

### Table Tennis

Philip McLaughlin continues to coach the third and fifth classes every week. The improvement in skill level among the pupils is wonderful to see.



### Swimming



Fourth classes had a most enjoyable series of swimming lessons in the National Aquatics Centre in September and October.

The fifth classes will begin their series of swimming lessons on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## Sponsored Walk



The Hallowe'en Sponsored walk took place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October and was a great success. Thanks to the Parents' Association for organising the walk and the post walk disco.



A sincere thanks also to all who most generously supported the walk.



## Active Schools

Scoil San Carlo has applied to renew our Active School Flag this school year. This initiative aims to get our pupils more active, more often throughout the year. Each class is currently taking part in the "Run Around Europe Challenge".

The benefits of this activity have already been seen in the great results achieved by the school cross country team. There are two representatives from each class on the committee. They are B. Corscadden, E. McHendrie, R. Murphy, F. Shields, P. Penston, D. Leonte, M. Johnston, A. Rochford, D. O'Sullivan, I. Morone, F. McDonald, P. Ryan, L. Doherty, L. Escuder Duggan, C. Power, J. Gyamfi, M. Queenan, A. Moore, S. Coles, G. Stokes

## Nurture Group

Working together as a school community, we are prioritising wellbeing in the 2018-2019 school year, ensuring that pupils in Scoil San Carlo feel safe and happy in school.

We are excited to announce the opening of our Nurture Room in the school. A Nurture Room gives children a fantastic opportunity to become involved in learning in a vibrant and stimulating environment, while developing skills such as emotional literacy, resilience and confidence building.

Our Nurture Group start their day in the Nurture Room with Ms. Ward and Ms. Kirwan. This month they have been busy designing the room and have enjoyed getting to know each other while engaging in lots of group activities. They are all very excited about the year ahead!



## Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.

Each year children in the school are asked to share some of their good fortune with other boys and girls who are less fortunate and who are living in extremely difficult circumstances in other parts of the world.



This initiative is organised by Team Hope, a Christian development aid charity, who visited the school on Friday. The team explained how the pupils could get involved in giving a gift to other children – many of whom will receive no other gift at Christmas.

Pupils can fill a shoe box with toys, sweets, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hairbands, pencils, face cloths and send this with their own picture (if they wish) to another less fortunate child.



This gives children the opportunity to experience the true meaning of Christmas - giving with no expectation of receiving anything in return.

For further information please see the leaflet which has been given to your child.

Filled shoe boxes should be returned to the school on or before Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Book Fair



The school Book Fair will take place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November. There will be books to suit all pupils on display and for sale. This is also an opportunity for parents to purchase books as Christmas presents.

## Parent Teacher Meetings.

Parent Teacher meetings will take place this year on Wed 21<sup>st</sup> November from 3pm - 6pm. Pupils will be permitted to go home at 2.45pm on this day.

## Board of Management

Ms. Jean McCarthy has resigned from the Board of Management as her child is no longer a pupil in the school. There will be a meeting to elect a new parent representative (mother) on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the school at 7.30pm. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jean for her hard work and commitment to the school over the past four years. Without such selfless volunteers the school could not function.





## Komeer

The komeer messaging app and electronic payment system is proving extremely popular with parents. If you have not already done so I would encourage you to download the app as it is now the only text messaging service being used by the school. Full instructions are available on the school website [www.scoilsancarlo.ie](http://www.scoilsancarlo.ie)



## Non uniform Day

All pupils are allowed wear fancy dress to school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October to mark the start of the Hallowe'en Break. Pupils are asked to make a donation of €2 to the Parents Association on the non uniform day.

As part of our Active Schools Initiative, there will be an open air Hallowe'en Disco for all the witches, wizards, vampires and ghouls on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> before school begins.

**Non-uniform day!**

## School Opening Hours

On several occasions each year it is necessary to comment on the issue of children being on school grounds outside school hours. On school days, school is in operation between 9.20am and 3pm. Supervision is provided in the yard each morning from 9.15 a.m. On wet mornings the pupils are allowed enter the school from 9.15 am. Pupils should not be on the school grounds outside these times unless they are involved in extracurricular activities or accompanied by parents/guardians. The Board of Management wishes to point out that it may be unsafe to be on school grounds outside school hours.

Le gach dea-ghuif

**Seán Ó Casaide**  
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