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Dear Parents

## Books Going Home

As part of our school's commitment in keeping parents up to date on their child's progress all literacy and numeracy books will be sent home next week. This will create an opportunity for you to celebrate your child's work and their accomplishments so far this year. A two stars and a wish template will be provided in each book and we ask all parents to write two positive comments and identify one area for improvement. The area for improvement will become a target for your child during our next half term, therefore it is important that you identify this area for development together. Numeracy books will go home on **Monday** and must be returned to school on Tuesday. Literacy books go home on a **Tuesday** and must be returned to school on Wednesday. This will be your child's home work next week along with reading and activities outlined in the attached letter supporting maths week. If you have any queries in relation to the work presented in your child's books, please contact your child's class teacher.

## Maths Week

Maths week takes place next week, please refer to the attached letter from our school's numeracy coordinator Mrs R. Quinn.

## Halloween Disco & Dress up

To celebrate Halloween, we have planned a disco to take place during school hours on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Each class will be brought to our school hall to take part in the disco that will be led by our P7 ICT leaders. All children are welcome to dress up in Halloween costumes or they can wear their ordinary clothes, dressing up is not compulsory. We would also like to encourage families to create a costume as purchasing can be expensive. A 'Take Away' dinner of chicken nuggets and chips will be served to the children in their class rooms on the day. We ask that parents pay £2 via our parent mail app and all proceeds will go towards school funds.

## School Holiday

School will be closed for the week of 25<sup>th</sup> October and resume as normal on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours Sincerely

*M. Meehan*

**Mr M. Meehan** (Principal)



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## Maths Week Ireland 2021

Dear Parents,

As part of Maths Week Ireland 2021 a range of fun games, puzzles and mathematical activities will be taking place in each classroom during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October. Through these activities children should take away the message that Maths can be fun and finding the correct answer is not always the most important thing. Talking about how you attempt to solve a problem and listening to others can be equally important!

### Homework

Maths homework this week will be a little different! Families from Primary 1 to Primary 7 are being asked to work together using their 'Maths Eyes' to find an interesting example of mathematics in their own life/home/environment. Please take a photo and label it with a caption or question which will encourage others to think! Below are some ideas as to what 'Maths Eyes' actually means....

'Having Maths Eyes changes the view of mathematics as being something everyone just does in school. With maths eyes people see the mathematics they do every day so mathematics becomes real and meaningful.'

- Having maths eyes promotes the usefulness of mathematics – Everyone has maths eyes they just need to be opened.
- Having maths eyes builds confidence in mathematics.
- Having maths eyes encourages the use of the real world as a starting point for the relevant exploration in the maths world.
- Having maths eyes provides a platform for adults and children to share their maths eyes in their everyday life whether they are shopping, walking, driving, at sports events – everywhere.
- Maths Eyes provides parents with opportunities to talk about mathematics that are not related to homework

There are some great ideas if you google 'Maths eyes images' and I have included a few examples with this letter. There will be prizes for the best entries so get your 'Maths eyes' opened.

Please e-mail your family entry to [rquinn574@c2kni.net](mailto:rquinn574@c2kni.net) before Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October and good luck!

Many thanks,

R Quinn

