

OLGPS NEWSLETTER

News from Our Principal

As we come to the end of another busy and vibrant term, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the parents, staff, and children of Our Lady's Grove for their energy, support, and enthusiasm.

Although we were once again unlucky with the weather this year, we managed to build on last year's indoor parade – and hopefully, the stage helped everyone get a good view of all those amazing costumes! I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the incredible work of our

Parent Association and to thank the outgoing members for their dedication and support. A special word of thanks goes to our officers who are stepping down – Brendan Madden, Mary Madden, Aislinn O'Buachalla, and Tom Noone – for their commitment and contribution to school life. Thank you also to those who have stepped forward to join the PA for the coming year; there will be plenty to keep us busy after the break! And to anyone considering getting involved, please do – your support makes such a difference.

It has been an action-packed eight weeks, and I think everyone is ready to down tools and enjoy a well-earned break. I hope you all have a relaxing and refreshing midterm, and we look forward to more exciting times and adventures as we move towards the festive season together.

*Warm regards,
JoAnna McDowell*

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Tiny Tony dressed up as a Scary Spider this Halloween! Thanks Ms H



Dates for Diaries

Fri 24 Oct - School Closure -Polling Station - Presidential Election

Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct - Mid-term Break

Mon 3 Nov - School Re-opens

Thurs 6 Nov - School Closure - In-Service Training - Child Protection Procedures

Mon 10 Nov - County Photos - Junior Infants Photos [including Siblings]

Mon 10 –Fri 14 Nov - Science Week

Wed 12 Nov - Collection of Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Tues 18, Thurs 20 & Tues 25 Nov - PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Cumann na mBunscol

This year the girls participated in the Cumann na mBunscol GAA competition. This is a competition where lots of schools play football matches and try to reach the final which is played in Croke Park. The girls played their first match against Scoil Lorcán. It was a tough match, but we came out on top! We got through to the quarter finals and won it by 4 points. We then were on to the semi-finals. We played our hearts out and every girl tried their absolute best but sadly we lost by only 2 points. We were all very disappointed, but we still have camogie to look forward to later in the year.

-By Isobel R15

In the Gaelic football, the boys' team from 4th-6th class, trained every Monday and most Thursdays we played a match against another school. In the group stage we won 2 matches and lost 1. For the first match it was 5th and 6th class and then 4th class joined us because we needed more players. They played for the rest of the tournament. We made it through group stage and unfortunately, we lost in the quarter finals.

-By Cian R14

Míle buíochas to our all our coaches and supporters!



Swimming

Every year 1st- 6th class goes on the bus for swimming lessons at UCD. Over the last 6 weeks 3rd and 4th class have learned and practiced lots of different swimming strokes such as breaststroke and front crawl. It is lots of fun but also very tiring!

-By Emma and Max R12

Active Week

This year we had another fun Active Week in September. There were lots of activities like

Dance Day where each class had a dance workshop with Don King, fruit platters were given to all the classes by the Parents Association, and we also had fun trying different activities in the halla. On Tuesday we had our 'Walk on the Wild Side', each class took part in a Sponsored Walk including walks to Rosemount, Taney Park, Farrenboley Park, Deer Park, UCD and around Marlay Park. We all made an extra effort to walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride to school for this week. It was a really fun week and thanks to all who supported us.

-By Cian and Cara R11

Our thanks to **Ms O Ryan** and **Ms Clerkin** for all their organisation of our Active Week. *The total amount raised was €4901.* Many thanks to all of our families for this very generous amount!



6th Class Bake Sale

Every year in OLG there is a 6th class Bake Sale. Everyone is welcome to make treats and 6th class collect everything the morning of the bake sale. Every class has the chance to come down to the Halla and buy cakes/buns. All the money goes to charity; 6th class select the charity by voting for it. This year the charity was The Jack and Jill Foundation. This charity helps children who are sick. We worked very hard selling cakes, and it was great fun! Thanks to all for baking and supporting our Bake Sale.

-By Ned, Imogen, Rory R15/16



Cycling

This year 5th class has been cycling every Tuesday. We got to learn hand signals, ways to cycle, cycle safety, and got to cycle around the school car park in the last lesson. It was good fun, and we learned about staying safe when cycling.

-By Viola R14

Tag Rugby

Each year 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th get to play Tag Rugby. We learn how to pass, tackle, we also learn about communication and teamwork. We really enjoy the fun games we get to play near the end of the sessions.

-By Viola R14

Maths Week

During Maths week we had a competition to guess the capacity of the school fish tank. Each child wrote their guess, for the Senior classes how many litres and for our Junior classes, how many litre containers would fill the fish tank. The winners got sweets to share with their class. Well done to R3 and R9.

Classes also got to do Maths trails with another class and 4th class also got to visit the Secondary school for a Maths Workshop - where they got to play maths games made by the secondary school students. The senior classes really enjoyed learning to play chess with Ms Sedecka.

-By Fiadh and Ethan R13

Sincere thanks to **Ms Carolan** for all the hard work that she put into making this such an amazing week!



Dundrum by Design Project

5th and 6th class participated in the Dundrum by Design Project in collaboration with UCD School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and Dundrum Community. This was a game-based workshop designed to include children in the design process – Crafting Dundrum's Future with Minecraft. We used a replica of Dundrum in Minecraft and we got to share our ideas for urban improvements.

-By Ned and Rory R15/16





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