



North Mon News

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Back To School

Many months of preparation and hard work went into ensuring that our students returned to a safe school at the end of August. Ms. Cotter, Ms. O’Keeffe and Ms. Kelly are to be commended on their hard work and making sure that all staff are updated on, and compliant with, HSE procedures. Students have adapted extremely well to the new procedures and have been excellent at maintaining social distancing and hand sanitising.

Warm Welcome to 2nd Class

Our new 2nd class have adjusted very well to the school. They are a very positive and energetic bunch, and have been learning lots of amazing things with Ms. Kelly. They have spent the last two months getting to know each other, their new school and teacher. There are some great artists in 2nd, judging by all of the super displays in the corridor. We are all delighted to have such a great bunch, and can’t wait to see them flourish in the Mon.

Communion and Confirmation

September in the school was a unique month in more ways than one as we celebrated the sacraments of Confession and Communion on the 12th and 15th respectively. The spacious North Cathedral proved to be the perfect venue for safe and socially distanced ceremonies. All the hard work put in by Fr. John, Mr. Carroll, Ms. Connolly and Ms. McCarthy and the boys themselves ensured an enjoyable and memorable day was had by all.

S.T.E.M AWARD

We are very pleased to announce that the school has been awarded the Plaque of S.T.E.M from SFI Discover Science. Students were exposed to a range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics lessons and were tasked with finding new and novel ways of solving problems.



SPACE WEEK

The school celebrated Space Week, which took place from the 4th to the 10th of October. All of the classes were fascinated by facts about the science of the Solar System, alien art activities and some really interesting experiments.



A.S.D Class

The school is extremely pleased to welcome the first students to our new A.S.D class. Five boys started in the Paistí Rís room, and they have an incredible adventure ahead, as they will soon be moving into our purpose-built new A.S.D classroom, complete with two classrooms and a sensory room. The sensory room will be a safe space away from over-stimulation for the boys, and will also be used for a range of therapeutic activities. Mrs. Daly, Janice, Aislinn and the boys can't wait to get into their new classrooms.



Meet Sophia, Our History Maker!



September 2021 is going to be an incredibly special month in the history of the school. The school will be enrolling boys and girls into Junior Infants. Sophia is the first ever female student to be enrolled in the primary school. I bet she can't wait for September

to roll around, I know we can't. Get to buying Twistables, Sophia!

Planting Area

Over the summer our caretaker, Mark, created a fantastic planting area for each class. Each class has a designated, contained and sheltered area. Some classes have started planting and the boys have enjoyed learning new skills in a new environment. Special thanks to Mrs. Murphy from all the boys in 305 for her help in planting daffodils at the start of October and to Mrs. McCarthy for preparing the planting area.



The Mon's influence on the Local Area

On a rainy Friday morning in October, 305 went on a historical walk of the local area to explore how past pupils have influenced the area. The Tomás Mac Curtain monument in Blackpool was the first port of call. Next up was a visit to Shandon where the boys were met by a local historian who told them all about Jack Lynch, The Butter Museum, The Firkin Crane and the Mother Jones plaque. As the rain had slightly dampened the boys' spirits (and coats) a quick visit to Linehan's Sweet shop, run by past pupils, was made.

Mr. Dowling's Retirement

In October, the school saw the end of an era: Mr. Mick Dowling retired after many years of great service to the school. He will be warmly remembered by all the boys who came under his care and will be sadly missed by staff also. Mick had a great passion for education, and he trained and prepared many successful Sciath na Scol hurling and football teams during his tenure. On behalf of all our staff, boys, and parents we wish him all of the best in his retirement. In true Mon tradition Mr. Dowling received a North Mon Jersey with 27 on the back, representing his years of service, and a glass sliotar representing his commitment to sport in the school.

We are now enrolling girls and boys for Junior Infants 2020. To enrol your child please visit <http://northmonprimary.net/pre-enrollment-form-2>