



Bush Post Primary School HSCL Newsletter



September 2018

My Name is Florence Gillan and I'm the HSCL here in Bush. I would like to welcome everyone back from the long summer break and to extend a special welcome to all our new first year students. I hope they will enjoy their time here and we look forward to getting to know them. My contact number is 042 9376953 fgillan.bpp@lmetb.ie Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any concerns or questions.

PARENTS CLASSES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

I have applied for classes in First Aid and refresher maths from Community Education LMETB and Family Learning. In the past they have supplied excellent tutors. There is **no fee** for any of these courses. Please email or ring me to express interest in participating in either or both of these classes. Check out the school website for dates and times of classes.



Walking Club

Anyone one interested in getting out and enjoying the wide variety of Irish weather can join me on the running track every Wednesday from 10 am. Bring baby and buggy along too!



COFFEE MORNINGS



Thank you to all who attended our coffee mornings for the parents/guardians of our First Year students. It was lovely for them to meet up in a relaxed informal way and to get an opportunity to chat to Mrs McDonnell, Deputy Principal and acting Year Head for First Year students.

Parents/guardians of LCA5/6 students also had a coffee morning with myself and Ms Gartland (LCA Coordinator).

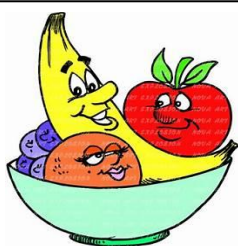
Thank you to Café Bush for providing the lovely scones!

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We have a dedicated and hardworking Parents Association ably led by our Chairperson Mrs. Olive McGuinness. They are always ready to help support and encourage our school community. We are always looking for new members so **please** let me know if you would like to get involved.

Talks for Parents

Over the academic year we try to organise talks for parents to reinforce the various themed weeks we hold in school. Last year we invited **Stella O Malley** author of **Bully-Proof Kids** and **Cotton Wool Kids** during **Friendship Week**. Stella spoke to students during the day and to parents that evening. Where possible we try to arrange for our speakers to run workshops for our students prior to the evening presentation in order to get students discussing the issues raised with their parents. Turnout was fantastic. We had a wonderful speaker lined up for our **Wellbeing Week** in February, but unfortunately, the weather put paid to our plans. Last April, two of our parents Caitriona O Hanlon and Sandra Loye helped to organise a presentation on **Cyber Bullying** in the Lisdoon in collaboration with our Local Education committee and North Dundalk Area Co-ordination team. It was a wonderful day with contributions from experts in the field and opportunities for parents to ask questions and share experience. I will be in touch with details of upcoming talks.



All students are welcome in the Breakfast Club where they can enjoy a combination of tea, toast, scrambled eggs and cereal.

LUNCH CLUB

All students are eligible for the lunch club and are offered a choice of ham or turkey roll. If they wish to students may purchase other items of food by using their school card.

Fruit is available to all students who request it.

START THE NEW TERM OFF THE RIGHT WAY

1. No late nights! Students should go to bed early!
2. Organise uniforms the night before school.
3. Encourage your child to come to school on time.
4. Monitor and limit use of social media at night.
5. Check journals regularly for notes.
6. Get good study routines going straight away!



School Reminders:

School Fees: Thank you to all parents/guardians who have already paid the Book Rental / Locker / School Diary / Insurance etc. All outstanding fees should be paid as soon as possible. Any difficulties, contact the office in confidence.

School Uniform: Please ensure that your son/daughter adheres to our school uniform policy as outlined in the student journal. We would request that you regularly check that your son/daughter is wearing the appropriate uniform including appropriate footwear.

Traffic The school has limited set down areas which is primarily allocated to buses. Please ensure that buses are not blocked in and where possible, delay collecting your son or daughter for 10-15 minutes until the buses have departed. Parking is also available at the rear of the school.