

# Knockmore Junior School



## October 2022



### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**137 children came to school 100% of the time in September. Were you one of them?!**

**Ms Downey's Garden Class achieved best attendance at 97% and Ms Conroy's 1st Class attendance at 96.5 %.**

**School overall attendance is at 91%. Well done!!**

**Always send in a note to explain your child's absence and complete the Return to School Declaration form on Aladdin Connect.**



### POCKET FOREST

We are excited to be planting a miniature "Pocket Forest" in our outdoor classroom.

If any parents or grandparents could lend/give us anything from the list below, before next **Wednesday 12th October** that would be great!

Please drop into Ms Jordan if you can help. Thank you so much!

#### Items Required

Large Heavy Duty Plain Cardboard Boxes / Bags of Compost (peat free)  
Large Bag of Woodchip (not bark mulch) / Small branches (approx 30cm long and the width of your thumb) / Leaf mulch (rotten leaves - no pesticides or fertilisers) / Coffee Grounds / Spades, Garden Forks & Gloves

## SCHOOL EXPENSES

**School expenses** can be paid for at the office.

Expenses should be paid by Friday, 28th October '22 or as soon as possible so as not to delay your child's participation in their school day.

**Please note:** as insurance is part of the expenses package, **children who have not paid the expenses will not be permitted to go on out of school trips, i.e. school tours** as they are not insured.

**You can pay by contactless payment or cash** (please have correct cash amount as we do not hold cash on the premises)



## FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school has returned again this year, giving your child a deeper appreciation of nature and an understanding of the plants and animals that live all around us. Forest school is done in conjunction with our curriculum. The cost of this is €10 which should be paid to the class teacher.

## GREEN SCHOOLS

We are now starting the theme of Biodiversity in order to achieve our fifth Green Schools Flag! 🌍

This will link in with our Forest School and Pocket Forest!

We have really worked on our outside spaces so that our children can learn outside too!



## DANCE WITH BERNIE

We are delighted to announce the return of **Dance with Bernie** on a Friday. Wear runners on Friday! The children really love these dance sessions so please make sure that they are in on time as our first group begins at **9am sharp!**



## HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

This year we will have a Halloween Fun Day on Friday, 28th October. The children can come to school in their fancy dress costumes.

**Boo!**



## Crochet Group

Meeting every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Knockmore Parent's room - Knitting, Crochet, Chat. Beginners welcome. Materials and brunch provided. For more info call/whatsapp Valerie 0867009010

## Let's keep the mini beasts at bay!

*It's very important to tie up long hair. We would encourage you to teach your child to tie their own hair up should it become loose during the day.*

**This will help in our fight against head lice.**

## Holidays / Closures for 2022/23

Halloween Mid Term	Closing Friday 28th October at 2:20pm, re-opening Monday 7th November
Christmas Holiday	Closing Wednesday 21st December at 11am. Reopening Thursday 5th January 2023 at 8:40am



### SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please ensure your child is in their correct **uniform** i.e. tracksuit top and grey trousers/skirt and full tracksuit on P.E. days.

Please **write your child's name on their jumpers, coats and belongings**. Children often have identical coats and jumpers, it will save on confusion! **For rainy days please make sure they have their wellies, wet trousers and raincoat. Children need a set left in school.** *All our spare clothes now have a new sticker on them, if your child wears home a tracksuit please wash and return it to the class teacher.*



### Admissions Junior Infants 2023/24

Application to enrol in Junior Infants, for next year opens on **Monday 10th October 2022**.

Application forms are available from the school office from 10th October. The closing date for applications is **Monday 14th November 2022**. Late applications cannot be guaranteed a place.



### Admissions for our ASD Class 2023/24

Application to enrol for a place in our ASD class 23/24 opens on **Monday 10th October 2022**. Please see our admissions statement and admissions policy on our website to ensure that your application is complete. [knockmorejns.ie](http://knockmorejns.ie)  
The closing date for applications is **Monday 14th November 2022**.

Incomplete applications or applications received after the **14th November** cannot be accepted due to the processing schedule.

