**October Update**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your family are keeping safe and well at this time.

**Cake Sale:**

Thank you to all the parents again for the wonderful support of the cake sale last Friday. Well done to the P.A. for organising such a lovely morning for all. It was wonderful to see pupils, staff and parents together again. We hope to use some of the money raised to top up our ipad collection and to purchase new science equipment. We will look forward to another wonderful school community occasion in December with the Christmas fair. The P.A. will be in touch about this after mid-term.

**Cumann na mBunscol Football:**

I would like to say a huge congratulations to our Cumann na mBunscol football team who reached the semi-final of the competition. The team showed great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. All in Scoil Mhuire Mount Sackville are very proud of the whole football squad. I would like to say a special thanks to Ms. Lawlor for coaching the girls over the last few weeks also.

**Fingal Athletics League:**

The Fingal athletics league will return in March this year for pupils from 3rd-6th. We look forward to taking part in this also in the spring.

**Maths Week:**

Maths week was a huge success this year, especially the whole school problem solving maths fair. It was wonderful to see pupils learning while having so much fun with maths. The pupils really enjoyed integrating their coding skills with maths through use of beebots, legowedo and scratch programming. We look forward now to science week in November where the whole school will be attending a science show with the Junior Einstein's science club and also the whole school science fair in the hall.

**School Choir:**

It is lovely to pass the hall on a Friday morning and hear the lovely sound of unison singing in the school again. The choir are going from strength to strength with Ms. O' Malley and will be having their first school cluster rehearsal on the 30th November. We look forward to the national children's choir concert in April. The choir hope to perform in Mount Hybla nursing home and Mount Sackville convent at Christmas.

**Student Council:**

Our new student council have been elected for the 2022-2023 school year after some wonderful speeches and elections. We look forward to the various initiatives they will carry out this year. Already they have come up with a wonderful idea of a pupil's monthly book club where library books will be selected for reading and discussed in a group setting. This also fits in perfectly with our school improvement plan on literacy.

**Green School:**

The Green school committee are back in full swing again working on our 7th green flag "Global diversity and energy". Ms. Finneran and Ms. Gray are working hard with all the pupils and the committee to encourage everyone to save energy, which is especially important  in the current climate.

**Active Flag:**

We hope to set up an active flag committee after mid-term to return to work on obtaining our first active flag. We will keep you posted on this after mid-term.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:**

Parent teacher meetings will take place the week of November 21st. Teachers will be hosting these face to face and/or through zoom. The teachers will be in touch with parents the week after mid-term to arrange times for the meetings.

**P.E. Hall Floor:**

I am delighted to inform you that our P.E. hall floor will be removed and replaced with a non-slip durable new floor next week. We look forward to returning to this after the mid-term.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all your family a safe and happy Hallowe'en.

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Ms. O' Kelly