

**St. Conaire's Bulletin**  
**October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Halloween Dress-Up/No Uniform Day:** Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, is the last day of this half-term. It is a tradition in St. Conaire's that we hold a **no-uniform day** to support a worthy charity. In the past we have supported the Irish Red Cross, the Irish Cancer Society, the Irish Wheelchair Association and Shannon Senior Citizens. This year we are supporting the Burren Chernobyl Project. This charity has a very close link with Shannon since its adoption as the Shannon Parish Millennium Project in 2000. The work is ongoing 17 years later and involves our colleague Rosie Byrne and several other former pupils and staff members. Staff and pupils are asked to dress up in a Halloween theme and a contribution is then collected – this year we are aiming for €1000, a target we hope to achieve. Many thanks in advance for your support.

**Christmas CD Project 2017:** Our school choir took part in a very special recording along with St. Tola's and the Burren Chernobyl Project Volunteers on October 24<sup>th</sup>. A CD will be released for the Christmas market. Many thanks to Ms. Cleary and Ms. McDonagh for all their work with the choir. We will be announcing more details of the CD and iTunes download after mid-term.

<p><b>Halloween Mid-term Break:</b> St. Conaire's will be closed from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive. School re-opens on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.</p>
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**Parent/teacher meetings:** Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place in November, starting the week of November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**School Book Fair:** The annual Scholastic School Book Fair will take place after the midterm break. We will send out details of this fantastic chance to get a wide range of reading materials.

**Homework – a reminder:** We ask parents to ensure that all homework, both written and learning, is completed in full on a daily basis.

**Sports:** Congratulations to our girls' and boys' Gaelic Football and Futsal teams who took part in number of competitions recently. Well done to them all and thanks to their teachers who coached them.

**Website:** See [www.conaires.ie](http://www.conaires.ie) for recent photos including Maths Week 2017, the Infant Autumn Field Trip to Dromoland and the recent Infant Blessings art work. All information regarding the school is available there. All events will be posted on the calendar on the website.

**Garda Halloween Visit:** A member of An Garda Síochána visited our 5<sup>th</sup> classes recently to talk about safety over the Halloween period. They also asked parents and pupils to be mindful of safety on the way to and from school in this winter period.

**Christmas Cards 2017**

Thank you for your support for the Parents' Association Christmas Card Project. The cards will be distributed as soon as they are delivered to the school.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh  
Principal

Maria O'Driscoll  
Deputy Principal