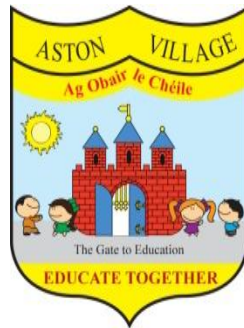


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## November Newsletter

### **Parent Teacher Meetings:**

As the school has grown bigger and developed we now have 370 children in school and will be changing the format of our Parent Teacher meetings this year. This year's meetings will take place over 2 afternoons **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. School will finish slightly earlier at 2.15pm for all students on these days to facilitate the meetings and appointment slots will be sent home early next week. *Special classes will operate as normal.*

Meetings should take no more than 10 minutes. Please be mindful of this time limit as teachers have a lot of parents to see, many parents are taking time off work for their appointments and several have more than one teacher to visit. If you feel that you will need more than 10 minutes then please contact Antonia to make a separate appointment.

***Please note that there will be no religion class , homework club or ASAP programme for 1<sup>st</sup> class that week.***

### **Winter Show:**

As you know the PTA are fundraising this year for a school stage which is costing approximately €5000, and will be an invaluable asset to the school community. The children will be showcasing their talents from the new stage at a special Winter Show for parents on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8pm.**

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This will be a ticket only event with tickets priced at €3 and limited seating (first come first served). Under 5's have free admission but must sit on a parent's lap. There will be a raffle on the night with some great prizes, and all proceeds will go towards paying for the stage. Mince pies with tea or coffee will also be on sale for just €1. Each class is busy preparing for their performances and we hope you can all come along on the night. A **Movie Night** for the children is also scheduled for **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** to raise funds (details overleaf).

### **Activities:**

There is a lot going on within school as always. Gus Kresa finished coaching our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes in **Tennis** and they put on a display for parents of the talents and skills that they picked up during their 8 week session. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class will start their coaching next week, with remaining classes getting the opportunity after Christmas.

Junior and Senior Infants are currently taking part in 6 weeks of **Kids Brick Club** activity which is incorporated into the Aistear Curriculum.

All our junior classes from Junior Infants up to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class completed the **Food Dudes** programme which encourages children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home. Fresh and fruit and vegetables were delivered to the school for 16 days and children got to sample a wide variety of new tastes with lots of rewards for participating. Thanks to 1<sup>st</sup> class teacher Alicia for coordinating the scheme, to Frank for accepting early morning (6am!) deliveries and to Des's class for organizing distribution.

Oskar Debski will start his after school **Basketball** club this week for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes which will run every week throughout the school year (a separate letter was sent home regarding this).

Members of the **Drogheda Fire Brigade** visited us just before mid term break to talk to the children about Fire Safety.

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On November 4<sup>th</sup> two uniformed officers from Óghlaigh na hÉireann visited the school to present the **National Flag** which shall be raised on Proclamation Day – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Luke from 6<sup>th</sup> Class read the Proclamation at a special assembly and Sadie from Junior Infants was presented with the flag. Both children have strong family ties to the 1916 Rising. Tia from Senior Infants was presented with a copy of the Proclamation and the officers spoke to the children about to how to care for the flag and answered questions on military life.

Paula's 6<sup>th</sup> Class attended a CSI Workshop in Drogheda Library to coincide with Science Week, and Des's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class have been selected to participate in the RDS Young Scientists Exhibition with their project - "***Does Everyone Taste the Same?***" In preparation for this they will attend a Science Fair tomorrow hosted by Ballymakenny College students.

### **Parking:**

A number of concerns have been raised by parents regarding road safety in the school grounds. Drop off and collection times are extremely busy and we would ask you all to be mindful off the safety of others:

- Children have right of way on pedestrian crossings AT ALL TIMES.
- U-turns are not permitted – cars must turn at the roundabout to exit the school
- Please only park in designated parking spots. The set down area outside the unit **must be kept free for the school buses and drivers with disabled permits!** The set down area is not for parking. Please drop and go or use the car park.
- Please also have consideration for residents in the immediate vicinity of the school and do not block driveways or other vehicles.

After Christmas we will be organizing Road Safety training for all the children with a visit from the Streetsmart Workshop which is run by the Road Safety Authority.

***As always please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for regular updates!***

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**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**6PM - 7.45 PM**

TICKETS €3 (to include popcorn, a treat and a drink)

WIN A MINION! Raffle tickets will be on sale on the night for 3 x Minion characters priced at €1 per strip or 3 strips for €2



ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS FUNDING OUR NEW SCHOOL STAGE