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October Newsletter

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Date for the diary
Upcoming events in the school.

- **Friday 11th of October** - P.T.A. Coffee morning and Internet safety talk
- **Friday 18th of October** - class photos for PTA calendar
- **Thursday 24th of October** - Fancy dress disco
- **28th of October - 1st of November** - Mid Term break (School closed)
- **Thursday 5th of December** - Winter Fair
- **Friday 8th of November** - P.T.A. Coffee morning and Credit Union talk
- **Tuesday and Wednesday 19th and 20th of November** - Parent Teacher Meetings
- **Monday 3rd March 2025** - **The school will be closed for a Maths training day**

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Sixth class Bake sale

Congratulations to sixth class on their recent bake sale. It was a huge success raising €900 for their hoodies and a donation to the UNICEF Gaza Emergency Appeal. We will start work on ordering the hoodies over the coming weeks. We want to have them as soon as possible so the children can get lots of use out of them in their last year in Aston Village ETNS.

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Parent Teacher Association
September's grant

The P.T.A. awarded September's grant of €150 to Paul to buy filament for the school's new 3D printer. Paul and Alicia completed a 2 day course on 3D printing during the summer holidays. Their participation in the course earned the school a 3D printer. We are very excited to see what the children design and make. We hope that pupils will make some items to be sold at our Winter Fair on December 5th.

We would also like to thank parent David Matthews for his generosity in kindly donating 4 additional 3D printers to the school recently. This technology will help us in our efforts to create a state of the art Maker-Space in the school where students can further demonstrate and showcase their creativity.

The PTA also awarded Síle €500 towards playground equipment. This is an annual grant to replenish the supply of balls, hula hoops and chalk that the children use during break times.

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Parent Teacher Association
Calendar

The P.T.A. will take class photos on Friday 18th of October. They will use the photos for class calendars that will be on sale before the end of the year. All proceeds will go to P.T.A.'s activities.

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Say Yes to Languages
Spanish Classes

Once again we have secured funding to continue providing Spanish classes for 5th and 6th classes. These classes are a wonderful way for the pupils to start to learn a new language. We are lucky to have Orla O'Connor to teach these classes. Classes will run for 10 weeks.

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Spook's Parade 2024
Liz's class

Liz's 5th Class have been invited to take part in the parade this year. The event is being run by the Droichead Arts Centre as part of their Leanbh Children's Festival. Spooks Parade is a Halloween themed event. The class has been doing a workshop in costume and prop creation. This year's theme is **Samhain Night Fever- Disco Ain't Dead.**

The parade will take place on Friday 25th October at 6.15pm at Barlow House (A92 Fk50)

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Parent Teacher Association
Halloween fancy dress disco



Parent Teacher Association
Coffee morning, internet safety talk and costume swap.

The next P.T.A. Coffee Morning will be held Friday 11th of October from 9.00 a.m. in the upstairs kitchen. There will be an internet safety talk given by teacher Paul. This is a great opportunity for parents and guardians to learn ways of keeping their children safe online. The talk will look at topics such as screen time, cyber-bullying, online gaming and we'll also do some group activities. The aim of the talk is to give an introduction to the topic, give some tips for talking to children, find out what supports are available and how to access them.

There will also be an opportunity to pick a costume from our costume swap. Donations for costumes are welcome but not required. All are welcome.

PTA November Coffee Morning

The Parent Teacher Association will hold their next monthly coffee morning on Friday 8th of November from 9.00 am in the school kitchen and Sharon from Drogheda Credit Union will attend to give a talk. All are welcome to come along.

Fundraising **Winter Fair**

Our Winter Fair will be held on Thursday 5th of December. This follows on from our hugely successful fair last year. Please mark the date in your diary. There will be stalls, games and lots of fun.



If you are interested in taking a stall at our fair please get
in touch with Brian:

brian@astonvillageetns.com

Money Club Credit Union

Sharon will be back next Wednesday (16th of October) for Money Club.



Volunteers

Volunteering opportunities for parents and the school community

We are always looking for volunteers to help out in the school. We have created a form for members of the school community to express their interest in volunteering. Opportunities include reading with pupils, helping in the school garden and helping at school events. Please click [here](#) to express your interest or go to www.tinyurl.com/avetnsvolunteering

Healthy Eating policy
Sweet treats.

Please do not send in cakes, party bags or other birthday treats, as it will not be possible for teachers to distribute them in line with our policy. The teachers will still mark birthdays in their classrooms as appropriate. We appreciate your cooperation and support in this matter.

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Voluntary Contribution
Thank you!

A big thank you to the families who have made a voluntary contribution to the school. This money is a huge help in covering the cost of running the school and providing the best facilities we can for the children.

Contributions can be made in installments through Aladdin throughout the year.

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Coats and hats

Please make sure that children come to school dressed in weather-appropriate clothes. We will try to get outside as much as possible so children need to be dressed for the weather.
Please label all your child's clothes so we can return them if they are lost.

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