



02<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you very well as we begin our second month back at school.

### **1. Green Schools**

Next week we're focusing on being a Green School. We have three aims in our Green Schools Action Plan – to *reduce, reuse and recycle waste*. Next week, children will look at actions to meet these aims at home and at school. Muinteoir Dawn leads our Green Schools initiative and will be updating our webpage with children's input: [www.brannoxtowncns.ie/green-schools/](http://www.brannoxtowncns.ie/green-schools/).

### **2. Class Dojo for Student Absences**

From Monday, we'll trial the use of Class Dojo for parents to let us know if your child is absent—cause and duration (if known). All schools are required to note and report the cause of each student absence. Up to now, parents have used the school phone and email for this purpose. At the end of October, we'll take stock to see if using Class Dojo to report student absence to your child's teacher makes the process easier and more efficient for parents and staff.

### **3. Children's Belongings**

As the weather gets cooler, we're asking parents to ensure children wear a coat to school each day. Physical education is a priority for us this year and we're maximizing outdoor time for play and exploration. With a good coat, children can enjoy being outdoors with their friends even in the cooler weather. Thank you again to children and parents for checking that stationery items are included in your child's pencil case so that each child uses only their own belongings.

### **4. Enrolment**

Three Enrolment Open Days have been scheduled for our school - November 18<sup>th</sup>, January 20<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup>. All are on Wednesdays at 8pm, on-site or via Zoom. We welcome your input if you're available to help out by sharing your experience with prospective parents during the sessions or helping to reach parents beforehand. Please email us with 'Enrolment Support' in the subject line: [brannoxtowncns@kwetb.ie](mailto:brannoxtowncns@kwetb.ie).

You'll find all school announcements and updates on our website and you'll find a round-up of highlights from the week, across classes, on our Friday Facebook post: @BrannoxtownCNS. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, thank you for your support to keep our children safe and well at Brannoxtown CNS.

With best wishes,

Sarah FitzPatrick, Principal