29th August 2025

Fáilte ar ais arís gach duine, tar éis na laethanta saoire. Welcome back one and all after the summer break. A particular welcome to our 34 new Junior Infants who started on Wednesday. May they have many a happy year here in Scoil Mhuire Allenwood. Tá súil agam go mbeidh bliain iontach eile againn arís i mbliana.
Here's to another great year again this year

Strike

Unfortunately the school year has started off with very disruptive, but totally understandable, industrial action by school secretaries and caretakers. Their demands, such as improved leave entitlements and access to a pension scheme are fundamental basics and certainly well deserved. We fully stand behind them on this. A picket will begin outside the school from Monday. Until this is resolved the school office remains closed, phones will not be answered and emails will be checked intermittently. Teaching & Learning continues to remain our priority during this time

Uniform and tracksuit

Tracksuits to be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays for PE. Please ensure the correct school uniform is worn on the other days

New Bus service

Transport for Ireland have asked me to share the following information on the new bus service 888 Athy-Allenwood-Athy.

1. Operates 7 days a week with 5 daily return services Mon- Sat and 3 return services on a Sunday.
2. Part of The Connecting Ireland programme and it connects the towns of Athy, Monasterevin, Rathangan, and Allenwood.
3. This new 888 service will have many benefits for the local communities along the route providing long awaited connections between these towns.

Lunches

The Hot School Meals are up and running again. New Junior Infants should have received their login details. Their first Hot School meal will be delivered on Monday 8th.
Please cancel your child's lunch if they do not want it as it results in a huge waste or both food and money.

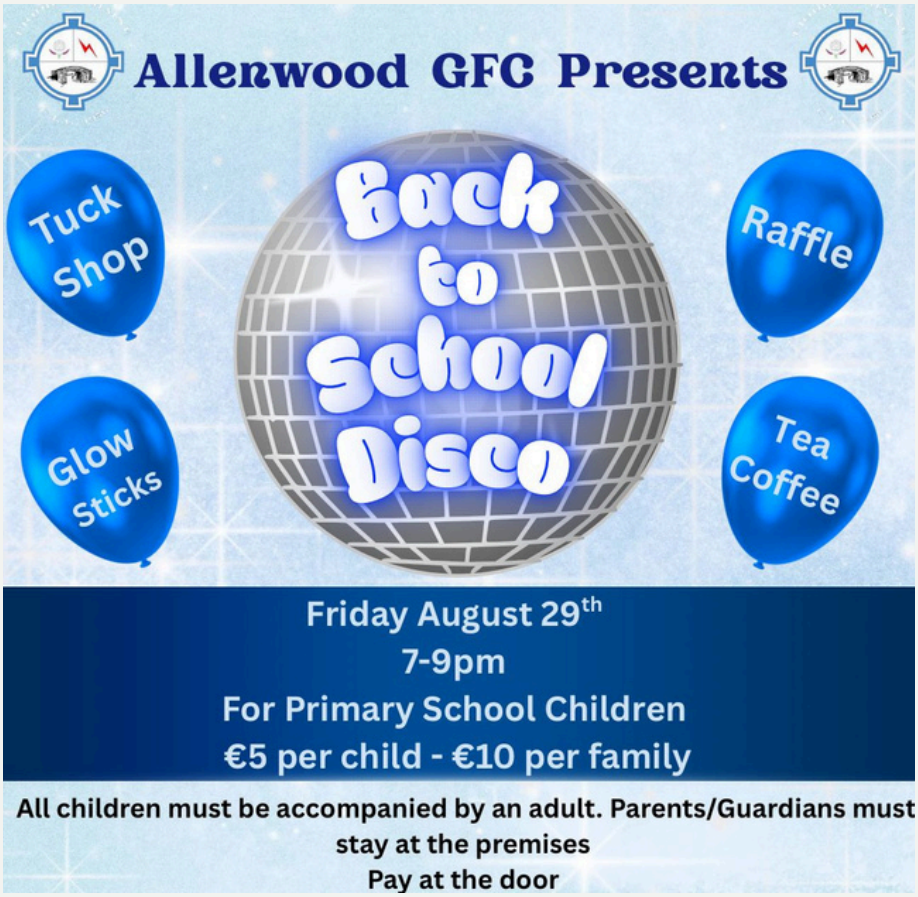
Wider Options - Mature Adult education programmes

See attached flyer

Oral Health letter

Please see attached a letter from the HSE which they have asked me to circulate regarding children's oral health.

Back to School Disco



Summer works

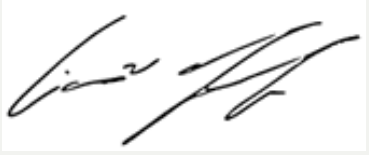
We had lots of jobs done over the summer up to and including;

- New Marmoleum flooring in the front building
- Railings at the front of the school
- Anti Bullying murals
- Storage cabinets
- Both buildings painted externally

<u>To be completed in the coming weeks</u>

- Security fencing to the rear of the school
- More morals
- New gate at the front of the school

Have a lovely weekend



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