



Principal's Page.

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*This is a new year. A new beginning. And things will change.
Taylor Swift.*

September is always such a busy month in the school calendar; new pupils, new staff, new programmes, new technology, new ideas, new school bags, new shoes! We lay the foundations for the academic year ahead, identifying suitable programmes, setting out IEP goals with parents, linking with MDT and developing ideas and plans.

As the leaves turn from golden to brown, pupils settle into their new classes, parents get a handle on the homework/lunches/uniform routines, staff adjust to the back to school traffic chaos and the changes inherent in a new school year continue to unfold.

The Spraoi Track has featured heavily in the day to day exercise routines and programmes of our pupils, the development and extension of this resource continues to take precedence.

We endeavour to equip all our children with experience

and skills which will support them to be included in their local communities throughout their lives. The School Bus, the vehicle literally and figuratively, enables our pupils access local resources and facilities. Our trusted 2006 Ford Transit Bus needs to be changed and upgraded soon, and fundraising for same will be a priority consideration this year. We welcome any suggestions or recommendations or ideas to progress this project.

This marks the first year OLGC Pupils receive certification for the Junior Cycle Programme. The L1LP and L1LP guidelines place the learning for students undertaking L1LPs and L2LP in the context of the Junior Cycle Framework (Department of Education and Skills [DES], 2015) as for their typically-developing peers. This development also recognises and reports on that learning formally for the first time in the Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement.

Teachers in OLGC School will continue to receive training in the newly launched, Sept '19, Primary Language Curriculum, (PLC). The PLC contains Learning Outcomes and associated Progression Continua. The curriculum supports all children to progress and work towards these learning outcomes at a rate and a pace appropriate to their abilities and to have this learning recognised. The Progression Continua break down the learning outcomes across a number of milestones, from 'early a' to 'h', mapping out the journey that children of a wide range of abilities will take on their way towards a learning outcome, recognising the progress and achievements of all children.

The pupil's of OLGC are ready for the Halloween break; the Witch's Walk will take place on Friday morning and we will rock out to the the spooky scary disco on Friday evening!

In the mean-time we continue to enjoy a cuppa on our dear friend Helen's lovely bench....

Beir Bua agus Beannacht,

Aisling.

