

November 29th 2019

Dear Grandparents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Grandparents' afternoon on Friday 29th November from 1-3 pm. You may know that our school is involved in a project entitled 'Bee Loud Glade-Buzzing' as part of Galway 2020. It is a yearlong project focusing on Bees, Pollination and their importance to our existence and the food we all eat. With that in mind our Grandparents afternoon will run along the same theme.

Ahead of your visit you can help in the following ways:

Help your grandchild fill out the interview he/she has created to get an insight into your life. (1-6th class)

Bring in any artefact you may have hidden away loosely based on the theme of food, kitchen, garden, flowers to show to the children e.g. old iron, mixers, wooden spoon, etc. Bring some examples of food from your childhood/early life e.g.-homemade bread, jam, pies etc. for the children to taste

This time of year is a good time to plant bulbs which will be pollinator friendly in the spring and help the bees pollinate. I have sourced irish organic bulbs. If you like, you can bring a small pot ready for planting with clay/compost. We will then plant crocus, bluebells & frutillaria in it with your grandchild at school on the day. They can then look after it in the school grounds throughout early Spring. It will be a lovely reminder to them of your special visit to school and help the bees too!

Finally we invite you to bring in a leaf/twig/branch of a tree that might be in your garden that has special importance to you or has a good story behind it. We all love a good story and this is a great day to share them. We will collect the leaves/twigs and store them together in a large pot..

We do understand that not everybody has grandparents available to come so please feel free to bring somebody special along.

If any of the above do not suit you don't worry -they are just suggestions and the most important thing is that we all get the pleasure of meeting you on what is a highlight in our school calendar. Refreshments will be served.

As we need to have an idea of numbers please let us know if you can attend

Regards,

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