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MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all keeping well. We have a busy few weeks ahead, between Seachtaine na Gaeilge, Easter and Friendship Week! Please see below some points of information to note:

First Confession – Congratulation to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 27th February and to their teacher Ms Finn. The celebrants included: Ruairí Dolan, Caoimhe Flaherty, Rian Lipka, Shauna Harrington Jones, Anna O'Halloran, Mila Parsons, Ava Tuohey, Ryan Castro Caiado, & Nathan Fahy.

Their First Holy Communion date is Saturday 18th May in St. Anne's Church, Shanaglish at 1pm.

Volleyball: Well done to all pupils in 5th and 6th class who participated in the annual Spikeball competitions this year in Limerick. It was a very enjoyable day for all. Thank you to Ms Gill for training the teams.

Annual Book Fair: The annual Book Fair in the school was a great success. Sincere thanks to all who supported our Book Fair by purchasing books/stationery. The total amount collected was €1,349.00. The school will receive 50% of the total amount in free resources from Scholastic Book Club. We are in the process of purchasing new books for each classroom from last year's contributions.

Seachtain na Gaeilge 11th to 15th March: We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge from 11th-15th March. Children will be participating in art, dancing, comhrá Gaeilge and tráth na gcéist as gaeilge. We will celebrate **Lá Glas and St Patrick's Day on 15th March**, with traditional music, Irish Dancing and songs, all performed by our students. Children will be encouraged to be ag caint 'as gaeilge' throughout the week. We will have a 'Gaeilgeoir na Seachtaine' for each class.

Lá Glás: This month's 'No Uniform Day' will be held on **Friday 15th March**, to coincide with **Lá Fhéile Pádraig**. We will be having our 'Lá Glas' - €2.00 per pupil/€5.00 per family. Pupils will be asked to wear something green to celebrate our national day. Thank you for your continued support.

Coole Park Outing: Junior room pupils and the ASD pupils will visit Coole Park on Monday next **4th March** (weather permitting) for their annual nature walk visit. Thank you for returning your child's permission slip.

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. Children can bring in their favourite book and dress up as their **favourite book character** to celebrate this day. We will do our annual parade to show off our costumes!

School Closures: **Friday 8th March 2024 Referendum day** – Voting will take place in the school. School will close as per schedule on **Monday 18th March (St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday weekend)**.

St. Patrick's Day Colouring Competition in conjunction with the Credit Union: All pupils will be taking part in the Credit Union Competition. Parents are asked to sign consent to allow your child enter the competition and return to school by **Monday 4th March.**

Open/Information Evening for new Junior Infants will take place on **Thursday 14th March from 7:00-8:00pm** in the school. Open Evening is for parents only, as we will invite new entrants to school in June for an induction day, where they can meet their new class and teacher.

Friendship Week: 19th to 22nd March: We will hold our first Friendship Week soon. Fairness, kindness and the importance of inclusion will be emphasized during the week. Children will participate in friendship poems, art and slogans. We hope to hold 'buddy reading' between classes during this week also.

Revised Parental Complaints Procedure: Please see on our website our new revised complaints procedure for parents. Also keep an eye on our website for any events, updates and photos. We will also be setting up a school Facebook page in the weeks ahead, with regular updates on our All Weather Pitch.

BOM and our extension building: We are waiting approval to proceed to the planning permission stage from our Diocesan Office. When this is received, we will submit planning permission to the Galway County Council for our extension. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for their support in our project.

School Attendance: Attendance for the month of February was 92.2%. Please write a note on Aladdin if your child is unable to attend school.

FAI Soccer Blitz Boys and Girls – Dates rescheduled:

We have entered 2 teams (one boys & one girls) in the FAI Primary Schools 5 a side soccer tournament 2024, which will take place in Portumna. Children from 5th and 6th class will take part. The girls will participate on **Wednesday 20th March** and the **boys on Thursday 21st March**. Games will commence at 10am and finish at 2pm. The bus will leave the school at 8:50am and return at 3pm. on both days. Best of luck to all our players.

Science and PE Equipment: The school has recently purchased a range of Science kits, tools and resources from the Christmas Raffle fundraiser. We have also purchased a Eurohoc clubhockey set for P.E. Sincere thanks to all who supported our fundraiser and enabled these purchases.

Assembly: Well done and congratulations to all our Kindness and Brilliant Effort recipients in our Assembly this month. Children were complimented on their efforts over the previous few weeks.

Easter Holidays: School will close as per schedule from Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April 2024 inclusive. School will reopen on Monday 8th April.

Kind regards

Amy Mulkerrins
Principal.