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Great oaks from little acorns grow

Newsletter Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. I hope you had an enjoyable break. We wish Ms. Conroy well in her teaching practice with 3rd & 4th class.

Well done to Kate Stephens who won the Easter chocolate house before the holidays. Thank you to Michelle O'Brien who made and donated the beautiful house. We raised €215 in the raffle. Thank you to all those who supported this. This will go towards covering the cost of buses used to attend matches in the last term and any guest speakers visiting the school.

Upcoming Events

The First Holy Communion will take place this Sunday May 4th at 11 a.m. Best of luck to second class! Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be in the choir, your support is appreciated.

Fred will visit the school on Tuesday the 6th of May. He has a new magic show which he will share with the kids. The cost is €2.50 per pupil.

The Tara Book Club will be in school from Monday the 12th of May to Friday the 16th. Children will be visiting the book club throughout the school day and all are welcome to purchase books from the club.

Martin Costello will be coming every Tuesday for the coming weeks to train children from 1st to 6th class for Gaelic football.

Uniform Questionnaire

The recent uniform questionnaires issued to parents revealed that the majority of parents are happy with the uniform to remain as it is. Thank you to all those who completed and returned the questionnaire.

Spring Clean

The annual 'Spring Clean' took place in the school on Friday the 4th of April. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the day.

Appeal

We have been notified by the Independent Appeals Board that our application of appeal has been unsuccessful and consequently we will lose a classroom teacher in September 2014. The Board of Management has been in contact with councillors and TDs including Patsy O'Brien, John O'Mahony, Michael Ring, Mairéad Mullherin. All of whom have made representations on our behalf to Minister Ruairí Quinn and An Taoiseach. We have received correspondence from both Mr. Quinn & Mr. Kenny and the decision cannot be reversed as we are not meeting the criteria set down in the recent budget/circular released. In order to keep 3 mainstream class teachers we need to have 56 on roll. This figure has been increased from 49 to 56 in the last year. If the criteria had remained the same as previous years we would be able to secure 3 teachers. It is highly unfortunate that this has happened and the B.O.M have done all they can to change the circumstances. They are still waiting to meet Mr. Kenny personally.

School Tours

The junior tour will take place on Thursday the 15th of May. Children from senior infants to 2nd class will be attending Loughwell Pet Farm in Moycullen. The cost of this tour is €22 per child. More details of this tour will follow next week.

The children from 3rd to 6th class will be going to Bunratty Folk Park and UL sports ground for their tour on Tuesday the 17th of June. Again, more details of this tour will follow in the coming weeks.

School Closures

Bank Holidays – May 5th & June 2nd

Local Elections- May 23rd

Closing for Summer- June 25th