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Student Council

Our Student Council / Wellbeing Committee have been busy working behind the scenes in recent months on a number of projects. These include;

Stones: We were thinking of a way to mark this moment in time in a nice manner that included everyone in our school and acknowledged that we all belong to our school community. We did this by everyone in the school painting a rock and displaying them for years to come as pictured below. Many thanks to Eamonn O'Connell for all his work in helping to complete the project.

Jerseys: Our 5th & 6th Class Student Council members distribute the lunches from 'The Lunch Bag' each morning. This has earned them a voucher for €296. They have decided to purchase a new set of school jerseys from these funds, with the Parents' Association generously picking up the balance. Our Student Council will help to design the new jerseys.

Random Act of Kindness Week: When we reviewed our Anti-Bullying Policy recently, one of the actions was to have a 'Random Act of Kindness Week'. This will take place on the week beginning June 13th and the Student Council will help to organise this.



Thank you to our Student Council for all their super work throughout the year. They've been great representatives of our student body. Thank you in particular to 6th class members Róisín, Clodagh and Diarmuid.

Sport

It has been a busy few weeks on the sporting front. Our hurling and camogie teams competed strongly in their respective competitions with the boys agonisingly losing out by one point in their semi-final. Attention has quickly turned to our lunchtime football leagues with over 120 pupils from Rang 1 to Rang 6 putting their names down to take part. We have a 1st - 3rd Class league and a 4th - 6th Class league with mixed teams of boys and girls. Games have begun and we look forward to lots of action in the coming weeks. Best wishes also to our rounders players from Rang 6 & Rang 5 as they continue to prepare for their Cumann na mBunscol competition on June 15th.



Parents' Association

Communion - We would like to extend our congratulations to Rang a Dó. A very big thank you to Ms. Mc Cormack and Fr. Joe for preparing the children so well for receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We would also like to thank the brilliant choir for adding to the wonderful occasion. A special word of thanks also to all the parents who helped out at the fabulous reception that was held in the school hall after the ceremony.

Raffle - We will hold a small raffle on the day of the duathlon. All children will be entered into the draw for free and we will have a number of small prizes on the day.

First Aid - On the 10th June a member of the Portlaoise Order of Malta will visit the school and demonstrate basic First Aid skills with Rang a Sé.

Rang a Sé - We would like to wish Rang a Sé the very best of luck as they finish their primary education. We hope that they enjoyed their time in Rath and that they continue to grow and flourish during their secondary school years. Guímid gach ráth agus sonas orthu anois is go deo.

End of year - As the school year draws to a close, we would like to thank each of you for your wonderful and generous support of the Parents' Association throughout the year. We have enjoyed all the different events and look forward to many more next year. We would like to thank Mr. Fitzgerald, Ms. Mc Cormack, Amanda, all the staff and the Board of Management for all your help, hard work, and great support. We really appreciate it. We hope you all have a wonderful, happy and safe summer. Bainigí sult as.

School Tours

I included the graphic below in our last newsletter. Please make note of the dates. Class teachers will be in contact with you closer to the dates with more details and Amanda has also set up an online payment for each tour.

Class	Date	Venue
Junior Infants	June 2 nd	Lullymore
Senior Infants	June 2 nd	Lullymore
1 st Class	May 30 th	Just 4 Fun, Carlow IT
2 nd Class	June 20 th	Clara Lara, Wicklow
3 rd Class	June 21 st	Tayto Park
4 th Class	June 21 st	Tayto Park
5 th Class	June 21 st	Tayto Park
6 th Class	June 13 th	Clara Lara, Wicklow

Gaeilge

Meitheamh (June)

Seachtain 1 (8u – 10u Meitheamh) – An mbeidh tú? Beidh/ní bheidh. Mar shampla,...ag tnuth leis an turas scoile....ag dul ar laethanta saoire..... ag dul ag traenáil anocht....

Seachtain 2 (13u – 23u Meitheamh) – beagnach (almost) mar shampla: An bhfuil tú beagnach críochnaithe?



First Communion 2022



Congratulations to our 2nd Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on May 7th. Thank you to Ms. McCormack for preparing the children in recent months and to Fr. O'Neill for being so good with the children before and during the mass. We'd also like to thank Helen Mulhall and everyone involved in our school sacramental choir. They added greatly to the occasion. We were blessed with good weather on the day and it was lovely to welcome everyone back to the school for a reception hosted by our Parents' Association afterwards. More photos are available on the school website.

Duathlon & Lá Spraoi

Our Lá Spraoi (Sports / Fun Day) will be on June 9th. Ms Bergin and our 6th Class pupils will once again coordinate a day of fun-filled activities. The following Thursday, June 16th, our annual duathlon event will take place. Children who have bikes are asked to bring them in on Thursday morning. Please ensure all bikes are in working order; pumped tyres, brakes working etc. We look forward to what promises to be two great days. Please see some pictures below from last year's events.



Music Generation Laois



Our 6th Class pupils' music project came to a conclusion in recent weeks when their video, in partnership with singer John Spillane and our Music Generation Laois tutors, Dale McKay and Siobhán Buckley, was released. Everyone involved is delighted with the end product. For anyone yet to see it, it can be accessed through the following link; <https://youtu.be/H3DiirwjEYA>

Well done to all our 6th Class pupils - it's a lovely memento as they leave our school soon and transition to different secondary schools. We're very fortunate also to have such talented and dedicated tutors from Music Generation working with us in the school. Earlier today, Nuala, James, Siobhán, Dale and their fellow musicians treated the pupils to their very enjoyable 'Bandwagon' concert. It was great fun, and it was lovely to see them invite some of their pupils onto stage to perform with them. We've added some pictures below.



Ar Deireadh

As this is the final newsletter of the school year, I'd like to thank each of you for your cooperation and support for the work that we do in school throughout the year. For those parents with their youngest child in 6th Class, we thank you sincerely for your contribution to our school community over the years.

Our outgoing 6th Class are a credit to you and your families. We're very proud of each of them and we wish them all the very best as they commence the next chapter in their lives.

Dates for Your Diary

June 3rd - June 7th (inclusive) - School closes. Reopen on June 8th.

June 9th - Lá Spraoi

June 14th - Junior Infant Induction

June 16th - Duathlon

June 16th - End of Year Reports released via Aladdin

June 23rd - Close for the summer holidays.