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### May Newsletter

#### **Prayer Service**

Thank you to the girls in Mrs. Dignam's 3<sup>rd</sup> class who prepared the prayer service for Mary. The girls were fantastic and everyone enjoyed a night off homework.

#### **Visit to St. Conleth's Church in Newbridge.**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, three students from Mrs. D'Arcy's 5<sup>th</sup> class accompanied myself and Alice to St. Conleth's Church in Newbridge. Catholic schools in the area were invited to a ceremony to celebrate the arrival of 'The Icon of the Holy Family' to our Diocese. This was officiated by Fr. Paul Dempsey.

#### **Incoming Junior Infants**

Our new Junior Infants for the 2018/ 2019 school year are coming to visit the school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May in two groups, 12.30pm and 2pm.

Our current Junior Infants will finish at 12 O'Clock that day to facilitate this.

#### **Active Schools Week**

We will host our Active Schools week from the 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May. The children should wear their tracksuit to school all this week. A number of different activities have been lined up for the students to participate in – yoga, tennis, spikeball, tag rugby, hockey, gymnastics, athletics. We hope it will be an enjoyable week for all and that the sun shines for us.

#### **Active Flag**

We are in the process of finalising our application for 'The Active Flag'. The Active Schools committee have a display board in the school. We are asking the children to bring in a photo of themselves being active at home so we can display it on our notice board.

Thank you to Ms. Young, Ms. Barrett and Ms. Fox for co-ordinating this project.

#### **First Communion**

Ms. Barrett's class will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am and 11am. These masses will be followed by the Communion Party which will be held in Scoil Bhríde.

Ms. Gleeson's class will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am and 11am. The party following these masses will be in Scoil Phádraig.

A big Thank you to the Parent's Association of Scoil Bhríde and Scoil Phádraig for all their work organising these parties. We hope the girls have a great day.

#### **Communion Photo's**

The First Communion Photo's will take place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Green Schools Cake Sale**

The Green schools committee would like to thank everyone for supporting their recent bake sale. A total of €600 was raised to support Green schools projects in our school. This will be used to purchase bulbs and seeds for planting etc.

#### **Clothing Collection**

The Parent's Association have organised a clothing collection for Scoil Bhríde on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Bags can be dropped to the school between 6pm and 8pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> or before 9am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Medical Information**

Ms. Heneghan would like to thank everyone for kindly completing the medical information sheet. We have now updated our records. Ms. Heneghan will be in touch with Parents where some additional information is required or where a follow up meeting may be needed.

## **Booklists and School Fees**

We are in the processing of finalising our booklists at present. Barker and Jones will come to the school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June for the annual book sale. Parents can pay their school fees on this date or send it in to the office at your convenience. Some parents appreciated having the fees out of the way before the booklists arrived last year.

## **School Closures**

**Reminder:** Scoil Bhríde is closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May as it is used as a Polling Station.

## **Couch to 5 k**

Well done to the girls on all the progress they have made to date. We are now on week 4 of the Couch to 5k programme. These are a very committed and dedicated group and are really engaging with the programme. We have had to change the date of the 5k parkrun in Castletown to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We hope as many of the 6<sup>th</sup> class girls as possible can make it.

## **School Tours**

As school tour season gets underway, I would like to thank the many parents who got Garda vetted to accompany the classes on their tours. The tours would not have been possible without your support. The following is a list of the venues and dates for our school tours this year:

1<sup>st</sup> Class – Imaginosity and Marley Park – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

5<sup>th</sup> Class – Funtasia – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May

6<sup>th</sup> Class – Confirmation Retreat – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Snr Infants – Stonebrook Farm – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Jnr Infants – Lullymore – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Fort Lucan – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

6<sup>th</sup> Class – DCU & Base – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June

3<sup>rd</sup> class – Victorain Escapades – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June

4<sup>th</sup> class – Giddy Studios – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Stepping Stones**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Clane Youth Project are coming in to work with the 6<sup>th</sup> class children on a programme to discuss the transition to 2<sup>nd</sup> level. They will spend an hour with both classes.

## **Junior Achievers Ireland**

Junior Achievers Ireland is an organisation where volunteers work with schools *“To inspire and motivate young people to realise their potential by valuing education and understanding how to succeed in the world of work”*. Michaels Waters will be coming in to our school in May to work with our 4<sup>th</sup> class students.

## **Library**

Thank you to the Parent’s Association and to the Parent body for all your work raising much needed funds for the library. We hope to proceed with this project as soon as possible. The work may have to be completed during the summer holidays for Child Protection reasons.

### **School Museum**

In the coming weeks children will be invited to bring in artefacts for our school museum. This will be a temporary museum and all items will be returned when it closes. Sixth class will organise the event and the children will be given more information about it before it begins. So now it's time to start searching the attic for old and interesting things!

### **Child Protection**

As part of the risk assessment that was carried out by the Board of Management when the new Child Protection Procedures were introduced, The Board of Management got the access code at the orange doors changed. This is to ensure the safety and welfare of our children.

Parents are kindly asked to wait in the yard for children who are attending after school activities until their teacher brings them to the door.

### **Mrs. Maybury's retirement**

It is with great sadness that I am writing to let you know that Mrs. Mary Rose Maybury, our Deputy Principal has made the decision to retire. Mrs. Maybury has been teaching in our school for 43 years. She has taught generations of children in Clane. She will be dearly missed but we wish her well on her retirement.

### **School Holiday 2018/2019**

#### **Return Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Halloween	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
Christmas	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> @12noon – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
February	21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> (2 days)
March	St. Patrick's Day 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
Easter	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
May	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
June	3 <sup>rd</sup> + 2 days 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>
Close	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ 12noon

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