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April Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the Easter holidays please note the following.

Easter Break

School closes today Friday 8th April for the Easter Holidays and re-opens on Monday 25th April.

Additional School Closure

Please note that the school will be closed on **Friday 3rd June**. This is due to the school year being reduced by one day with the extra Bank Holiday.

Lots of Socks Day

There was great fun and a wonderful response to Lots of Socks Day on Monday 21st March. Thank you for your generosity; the fantastic sum of **€1000** was raised on the day. The presentation was made to the local Monaghan Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland.

National Autism Awareness

As you may be aware, April is National Autism Awareness month. We are planning to participate in raising awareness of Autism on the week we return to school after Easter, week beginning 25th April. Further details on the fun and activities to follow.

National League Forecast

The National League Forecast has proved to be a very successful annual fundraising activity, raising **€4512.10** profit while giving out €800 in prizes. Thank you so much for your support and generosity. This money will be used to help fund the basic running costs of the school, especially with the rising energy costs.

Photographer - Monday 9th May

Reminder: The school photographer has been booked for Monday 9th May. A Proof copy of the photographs taken will be sent home to each family with details of packs available, however, there is absolutely no obligation on anybody to purchase.

Cross Country Running / Athletics

Well done to all of the pupils from 4th- 6th class who attended the cross country training sessions. It was fantastic to see such a huge interest and effort from our pupils! Congratulations to the boys and girls who represented the school at the cross country race in Kilmore on the 23rd of March, and a big well done to Niall Fanthorpe for coming in 3rd place and winning a medal.

Girls Football League

Our 5th and 6th class girls took part in the annual Cumann na mBunscol league, where they faced opposition from Gaelscoil Lorgan, Latton NS, Doohamlet NS and Annyalla NS.

They concluded their campaign with an exciting and close encounter with Annyalla NS, running out winners by the narrowest of margins. The girls displayed some amazing talent and skill throughout the league.

Well done to all the girls involved.

FAI Football For All Inclusion Programme

The pupils of our three Cairde classes participated in a Monaghan United Football for All Inclusion Programme over the course of five weeks.

It proved extremely enjoyable for all pupils and staff involved, and many soccer skills were honed, from touch and ball control, to passing, dribbling and shooting.

Great fun was had and lots of goals were scored!

Sincere thanks to coaches Paul and Euan, and we look forward to seeing them in the next school year.

Student Council

We are delighted to announce that our first ever Student Council has been formed.

The council represents the voice of the students in our school and they will work to help improve the life of the school for all.

Many thanks to all the pupils in Second Class to Sixth Class who put themselves forward for election.

Student Council Representatives for 2021 / 2022

- Second Class: Emma McGuigan & Naoise Dolan
- Third Class: Maebh Kirk & Ruairí McCarron Walsh
- Fourth Class: Amy Brennan & Jayden Bogue
- Fifth Class: Amy Fanthorpe & Sean O'Connor
- Sixth Class: Ellie Brady & Jack Brennan

We wish all the Student Council Representatives, na Ceannairí, success and fulfilment in their new roles.

Website & Social Media Platform

As you are aware, we are planning to launch our school website and school Facebook page after the Easter holidays.

Through our website and our social media presence, we wish to celebrate your child, his/her work and achievements and we also hope to give you an insight into your child's day at school.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 9th April: Clontibret Litter Pick – Please come out and lend a hand to clean your own local area.

Sunday 10th April: Community Centre Easter Family Quiz 4pm – Please support – Super Prizes!

Saturday 7th May: Cash for Clobber - Annual Parents' Association Fundraising – Further details to follow

In conclusion, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

I thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

I wish you and your family a peaceful, healthy and enjoyable Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Moorehead

Principal.