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March Newsletter

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School Self-Evaluation Questionnaire for Parents

Sincere appreciation to all parents and guardians who completed and submitted the School Evaluation questionnaire recently.

We very much welcome your thoughts and suggestions, which will be taken into consideration, as we work together for the good of the children, our school and our community.

School Half Day Closing – Wednesday 16th March

Please note that the school will be closing @ **12:30 on Wednesday 16th March** to facilitate whole Staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum. This training is being delivered by PDST in the Department of Education.

Lá Glas - Wednesday 16th March

March 1st to March 17th is designated as Seachtain na Gaeilge in all schools.

As well as encouraging the children to use the cúpla focail, informally in the classroom, in the playground and at home, we are proposing to host a **Lá Glas on Wednesday 16th March** when children may wear a green item of clothing. This may include green socks, shamrocks, hats, bows/ribbons, t-shirts or hoodies.

It is very important to stress that you are not required to purchase anything specifically for the Lá Glas.

The children will engage in fun activities such as quizzes and games, as Gaeilge, during Seachtain na Gaeilge but in particular on Lá Glas, to promote our culture and heritage and to have a little bit of fun!!

St. Patrick's Day & Bank Holiday

The school will be closed on Thursday 17th & Friday 18th March for the St. Patrick's Bank Holiday weekend.

Lots of Socks Day – Monday 21st March

As you may be aware, Monday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day.

This date is chosen due to the fact that people with Down Syndrome have a third copy of the 21st Chromosome, thus the 21st day of the third month.

As a school, we have been delighted to take part in this campaign and it has been very successful over the last few years. This is just one additional way to bring about an awareness and to celebrate our inclusiveness as a school.

Therefore, on Monday 21st March, we invite all pupils and staff to wear 'Lots of Socks' to support the local Down Syndrome branch.

Donations will be accepted on the day, which will go towards the local Down Syndrome branch.

Photographer – Monday 9th May

The school photographer has been booked for Monday May 9th.

Family photographs as well as group photographs of Junior Infants and Sixth Class will be taken this year. Please note that a Proof copy of the photograph taken will be sent home to each family with details of packs available, however, there is absolutely no obligation on anybody to purchase.

Enrolment for New Pupils 2022

Offers of places and Acceptance forms are being sent out this week.

The Acceptance forms should be returned at your earliest convenience but no later than 28th March.

First Confession – Tuesday 29th March

The sacrament of First Confession will be celebrated on Tuesday March 29th @ 7:30pm in St. Mary's, Clontibret.

School Nurse

The school nurse is visiting the school to conduct the hearing and vision checks on the pupils in First Class next Tuesday 15th March. She is planning to return later on in the year to see the pupils in Senior and Junior Infants.

Cross Country Running / Athletics

Training for Cross Country Running / Athletics for pupils in Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class begins after school this week.

Further details will be sent home with the classes concerned during the week.

GAA Coach

A coach from the Monaghan Coaching and Games Committee is currently working with all classes every Tuesday from last week until the Easter break.

Girls Football League

The football league for the girls in Fifth and Sixth Class began last week with a home game against Gael Scoil Lorgan. This week girls have another home game @ 12noon Wednesday against Latton N.S..

They will have a match every Wednesday from now until March 23rd.

Best of luck girls!!

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for your continuing support of our school. It is wonderful to be informing you of the "ordinary" aspects of school life as we begin to enjoy these again.

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

I wish you and your family a peaceful and enjoyable St. Patrick's long weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Moorehead
Principal.