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🏫 Parental Involvement 🏫

Our parent introductory meetings are completed now. Thank you for your support in attending these meetings, which will provide you with an overview of your child's learning for the year. If you have any concerns or questions as the year progresses, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Parental involvement is of paramount importance in relation to school development and since taking up this position, I have been struck by the enthusiasm and dedication of the Parents Council, led by Marianne Lambert. I would like to take this opportunity thank the PC and all volunteer parents for your commitment to our wonderful school. I look forward to working closely with you as we move forward.

💙 Bí Cineálta💙

As an extension of our Bí Cineálta Policy, Ms Sharkey and Ms Horan will be carrying out Cineáltas Questions with our senior girls. The purpose of these questions is to develop a preventative culture within classes in relation to bullying behaviours and the fostering of friendships and respect among pupils. As Principal, I want to ensure that every child comes to school feeling safe and happy and in doing so, is able to achieve their full potential. Key to this is listening to pupil voice and finding out what is happening in classes and ensuring that seedling friendship issues are dealt with before they become bigger issues.

📝 Curriculum Enactment 📝

Our school will begin to enact the redeveloped Primary School Curriculum this year. Our focus will be on the new curriculum area of Wellbeing. The Wellbeing specification content covers Movement competence, Emotional and relational education, Health Education and Community and Belonging. (Wellbeing supercedes the previous curricular subjects of SPHE and PE).

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📢 Pupil Voice 📢

Throughout the school our pupil committees are gearing up for a great year ahead. We are passionate about pupil voice in MAPS and the views, opinions and ideas of our girls are of great importance in school development. Our Student Council have been elected and these girls are currently working on promoting Child Safeguarding throughout the school. Our Green Schools Committee has been established and will be working with Ms Travers towards our Green School Goals for this year. Our Coiste Gaeilge is ag obair le Ms Barnes chun an Ghaeilge a fhorbairt ar fud na scoile. Our Active Committee will assist Ms Johnston with our Active School Goals. Our Wellbeing Committee will be an integral part of developing Wellbeing throughout the school. We have Ethos Ambassadors who will be tasked with specifically working to promote our Sacred Heart Goal of Social Awareness this year. Finally, our Digital Leaders who have been elected are working towards awarness about Digital Safety, specifically our No Smartphone Pledge.

🫂 Goal of Social Awareness 🫂

We are learning how to help others and making the world a fairer place.

Turn kind thoughts into actions: It's not just about thinking kind things; it's about helping people using your talents, your brain, and your kind heart.

Practice this at home and at school to fully live our Sacred Heart goal this year.

🚸 Child Safeguarding 🚸

If you have concerns of a Child Safeguarding nature, please contact Sinéad Sharkey who is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) and deals with all child protection concerns in the first instance.

🥳 Congratulations 🥳

Congratulations to Gloriann Quan who won the Texaco Children's Art Competition. Her painting, "Two worlds, One Ocean" will be on exhibition at Junction 14 Mayfield for the month of October.

Also, huge congratulations to Emily Situ who has been shortlisted in the National Gallery AIB Young Portrait Awards. Her work "Kindness in a Note" will be displayed in National Gallery Dublin between 14th November 2026 - 14 March 2027, thereafter in Galway and Limerick the rest of the year.

An amazing result for both these talented young artists—please see our website for more information.