



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on another busy year in our school.

The challenge of managing the school community through the Pandemic was again in the forefront of our minds at the beginning of the year. Thankfully, as the year progressed, restrictions eased and we look forward in the hope that we have seen the last of Covid constraints.

With additional sources of funding being made available, we have been able to continue to focus on both the physical and mental wellbeing of our school community. Our partnership with Healthy Kidz has meant that the children have continued to enjoy their Friday afternoon fun fitness sessions. Our partnership with Links Counselling has meant that many children have benefitted from Art therapy sessions and all children were able to enjoy "Grow your Brave" sessions in school. A Zoom session focusing on "Developing your child's self-esteem" was also offered to all parents. Our Pilates classes were another huge success with all pupils very much enjoying the online sessions.

This year's Peace 4 project, which again included every child in the school, has been a huge success, giving staff and pupils alike the opportunity to take their learning outside with a focus on science and technology activities. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate all our hard work in the People's Park with our colour run.

In February work began clearing the trees to the side and the back of our school and re-surfacing the playground. This provided us with a great opportunity to develop the area which we have been able to do with our "Big tree plant" and with our addition of a Trim Trail which will be ready for the children to use in September. With the addition of our stage in September we certainly have a playground to be proud of.

Through the hard work and the dedication of the staff we have continued to meet our targets set out in our School Development Plan and make sustained progress in all curriculum areas. I would like to thank our fantastic staff for their dedication throughout what has been another challenging academic year. I would also like to thank all parents and extended family members for all their support throughout the year. It is very much appreciated by myself and the staff.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected to St Colman's Bann PS a very safe, happy and fun-filled summer holiday.

Mr Tighe.