



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on another busy year in our school.

This year's Shared Education project, which again included every child in the school, has been a huge success, giving staff and pupils alike the opportunity to develop their Coding and Computational Thinking Skills. It was fantastic to be able to celebrate everyone's hard work with a trip to W5 for all our classes. It is very disappointing that this year marks the end of the program in its current form, but we hope to be able to reform our partnership in the third term of next year if new funding is secured.

This year, we have been able to continue to focus on both the physical and mental wellbeing of our school community. Thanks to the support of Tullylish GAC, we have been able to introduce weekly Fundamental skills sessions for all children from P3 to P7. This has been a welcome addition to our PE schedule and we are delighted that this will continue into the next academic year. Our partnership with Healthy Kidz has meant that the children have continued to enjoy their Friday afternoon fun fitness sessions. We have also worked with the HIP Psychology Company to organise workshops for our P3 – P7 pupils, focussing on dealing with anxiety and developing resilience and our P7s enjoyed a great workshop on transitioning to Secondary School.

Unfortunately, due to unprecedented financial pressures, our ability to provide such future initiatives will be very much restricted. We will continue to strive to minimise the impact of these pressures on the children however myself and the School Governors remain very concerned about the highly detrimental impact of education cuts.

I would like to acknowledge our fantastic staff for their dedication throughout this academic year. Day after day they prioritise the needs of the children and it is a privilege to lead such a committed and professional group. 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.

Kind regards,

Mr Tighe.