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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 17th February, 2025.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

- A huge **Well done** to all our pupils who participated in the **Credit Union Quiz** in **Fintona Golf Club** on **Friday, 7th February**. All our pupils participated with great enthusiasm and displayed exemplary behaviour throughout. We are very proud of them all.

A special congratulations to:

Carly Beattie, Connie O'Hagan, Jude Fox and Caiden Quinn who **won** the **Under 11 Competition** (Pupils who were under 11 on 31st December, 2024)

and

Sarah McMaugh, Dylan McKenna, Conor McCarroll and Aoife Donnelly who **won** the **Under 13 Competition** (Pupils who were under 13 on 31st December, 2024)

Both teams will now progress to the next round which will be held in **Omagh Leisure Centre** on **Sunday 9th March**.

- Please see below an update on the **Flahavan's Cross Country Competition** from **Tracey Scullion**.

Well done to all our boys and girls who competed in Dungannon in January. Every single child raced hard and did their absolute best for their school.

Congratulations to **Éabha Mullan (2nd)** and **Conor Corrigan (3rd)** who picked up medals in the senior girls' and boys' races.

The **Flahavan's Final** will take place at the end of February and despite a huge effort by our boys' and girls' teams this year, the competition in Tyrone and

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Fermanagh was too great and our teams won't be taking part this year, but we will be back!

Huge congratulations to **Éabha Mullan** (P5) and **Conor Corrigan** (P7) who raced against massive competition and have both earned their place as individuals in the Flahavan's Final. The entire school community wishes them both the best of luck!

Thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents and carers who turned out to support our wonderful boys and girls. Thank you to Miss. Devine and Mrs. McGarvey for cheerleading and supporting the pupils on the day.

- Our **After School Nature Rangers Clubs** recommence on the week beginning **3rd March, 2025**. Please make sure that you have registered your child as staff will only be able to accept children on their list.

Currently, the following **Nature Ranger Clubs** have been arranged.

Year 1: Friday (2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Year 2: Monday (2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Year 3: Thursday (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

Year 4 and Year 5: Monday (3.00pm – 4.00pm)

Year 6 and 7: Tuesday (3.00pm to 4.00pm)

Each session costs **£5** per pupil.

A full list of dates for each Nature Ranger Club for this term is available to view on our school website. If, for any reason, dates have to be changed, the Club leaders will inform you in advance.

Please use the link below to book your child's place.

<https://nifsa.magicbooking.co.uk/BookingManager>

Here are the instructions on how to make an account, if you have previously set one up.

- 1st make an account on our new booking system <https://nifsa.magicbooking.co.uk/Dashboard>
- Then add the details and permissions for each child (once this is done you never have to redo for future bookings).
- Ensure you add the correct school for your child as only sessions available to them will be visible (bookings in other school won't be available).
- Now you go to 'Book Activity' tab and then Nature Ranger Clubs.
- To make a booking tick one child, pick the Yr1-Y3 or Yr4-Yr7 NRC session, tick Fridays then click add dates
- If you want to book for a 2nd child now tick them and their session.

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- Once you have booked all children on, click next and it will bring you to the payment information. You are able to pay for all bookings at once.

If you log in and can't see sessions available in your child's school click on menu; children; click on the child's name; overview; edit child details; and ensure the school and class are inputted correctly.

Please ensure that you add the school name and the Nature Rangers Club that your children are participating in.

Please click on the link below for further information on what to expect from our Nature Ranger Clubs.

<https://www.forestschooolsni.com/?r3d=joining-a-nature-ranger-club&>

Checkout **Forest School Families** on the **Forest School Website** – www.forestschooolsni.com and on our school website for fun ideas that all the family can get involved in in the evenings and at weekends.

- All our pupils in **Years 3 to 7** have been invited to the **Knockmany Running Club's Primary Schools' Cross Country Event** on **Friday, 14th March** at the pitches behind **Augher Central Primary School**. Pupils will travel by bus and will be accompanied by school staff. Please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by **Friday** of this week.

Pupils are asked to bring spikes/football boots, a change of clothing and a **packed lunch** with them. Please ensure your child has an appropriate number of layers of clothing, depending on the weather forecast for the day of the race. Pupils will return to school before home time. Parents are asked to make a contribution of **£5** towards the cost of the bus.

- **World Book Day 2025** takes place on **Thursday, 6th March** this year, and we are delighted to celebrate this special and exciting occasion with our school community! All children are asked to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing stories to life and inspiring a love for reading. Across the school, we will have a variety of engaging activities, including storytelling sessions, book-themed games and opportunities to share and explore favourite books. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the magic of reading and we want all children to participate and enjoy the fun.
- **Parents of pupils in Year One, Year Two and Year Three:** **Action Mental Health** is coming into school on **Monday, 24th February, Wednesday, 26th February** and **Friday, 28th February** to deliver three one hour workshops called **Little Healthy Me**. Little Healthy Me uses evidence-based approaches to promote the importance of mental health with physical health, and teaches children how to understand and express feelings appropriately. It positively promotes mental health and social and emotional well-being in children and has a strong focus on prevention and self-help. Please see a flyer on our school website

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with more information.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Four:**

The **Sacrament of Penance (First Confession)** will take place on **Thursday, 27th March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **7pm**.

The **Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion)** will take place on **Saturday, 17th May, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra** at **12pm**.

- **Parents of Pupils in Year 6:**

Miss. Devine and I will be delivering a **Year 6 Transition Information Session for Parents** on **Thursday, 20th February @ 7.00pm**. The aim of this session will be to inform parents of current and proposed arrangements to aid and support pupils' transition from Year 6 into Year 7, to provide appropriate information for parents to help them make an informed decision regarding their child's participation in preparation for and completion of the Transfer Test, to outline support provided by school and how parents can help their child at home. This session will be beneficial to all Year 6 parents.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Six and Year Seven:**

Due to the commencement of our swimming programme on a Friday morning, pupils in **Year 6/7** are asked to wear their **PE uniform every day** until swimming ends.

- **Parents of pupils in Year Seven:**

A **Service of Light**, in preparation for Confirmation, will take place on **Thursday, 13th March, 2025** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra @ 7pm**.

A **Confirmation Practice** will take place on **Wednesday, 19th March, 2025 @ 7pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Sunday, 23rd March, 2025 @ 3pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**.

A **Confirmation Retreat** has been arranged by **Canon McGahan** for **Wednesday, 2nd April, 2025** in **Lough Derg**. Further details to follow shortly.

A **Confirmation Information Evening** for parents of pupils in **Year 7** has been arranged for **Thursday, 20th February @ 6.30pm**. All Year 7 parents are welcome to attend.

EA Connect is open for **Year 8 Post Primary Applications**. It will close on **Thursday, 20th February, 2025** at **12 noon**. Please read carefully the leaflet on our website - **Applying for a Year 8 Post Primary Place**.

- Please see flyers on our website from **ParentLine NI** regarding a **Worry to**

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Wonder workshop on **Tuesday, 18th February** from **10am to 11.30am** on Zoom and an information pack available for parents entitled **Can I Get A Phone?**

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan

Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)



Permission Slip – Knockmany Running Club
Cross Country Competition

I/we allow/do not allow my/our child/children _____
to participate in the **Knockmany Club's Primary School Cross Country**
Competition on **Friday, 14th March, 2025**, travelling to **Augher** by bus.

Full Name:

Signed:

Date:

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