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Welcome to the May and June edition of our school monthly newsletter. We are thrilled to share the latest happenings, achievements and upcoming events in our school. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the incredible accomplishments of our students, highlight all the great work that is done in each class, and provide important updates regarding various initiatives and opportunities. We hope that through this newsletter, you will feel connected to our vibrant school community and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students together.

Child Protection:

D.L.P: Ms. Moloney

BOM Update:

The following policy/ plan were approved by the Board of Management during its meeting on the 24th June:

- Anti- Bullying Plan and the annual review took plan.
- R.S.E. Plan
- Health and Safety Plan
- Child Protection Oversight Report was completed.

Building Update:

The school was delighted to receive the approval from the Department of Education to proceed to the tender stage of our new autism build. It is hoped that we will go to tender in September and that the building works will commence in the new school year. We are so pleased that progress is finally taking place.

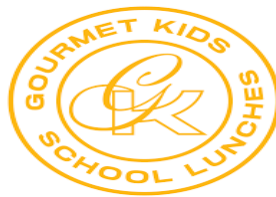
The function of the Board of Management is outlined in section 15 (1) of the Education Act (1998): 'It shall be the duty of a board to manage the school on behalf of the patron and for the benefit of the students and their parents and to provide or cause to be provided an appropriate education for each student at the school for which that board has responsibility.'

The Board of Management continues to actively work for the benefit of all our pupils and the entire school community.

Sacraments:

Congratulations to our pupils who made their sacraments of Confirmation and Communion in May. Special mention to their teachers for preparing them so well, to Ann for all her work with the choir and to Fr. Toomey for all his help in preparing the pupils also and for the lovely services.





Hot School Meals:

We are delighted with how our school hot meals is going. Our oven was installed before Easter and the meals were rolled out from 10th May. The pupils seem to be enjoying them. If your child does not like any of the food they have ordered, we would encourage you to change the order to avoid waste. Sharon Cullinan was appointed by Gourmet Kids as the food operative in the school.

**Supervision:**

We wish to remind parents/ guardians that our school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 8.50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9:00am. No pupils should arrive later than 8:55am.

Classes will end each day at 2.40pm (1:40 for Junior and Senior Infants). Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 2.40pm as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

Wellbeing Week:

Wellbeing Week took place on 27th- 30th June. It was a great week from start to finish. The pupils engaged in a range of activities including mindfulness, breathing exercises, art/ crafts, baking, smoothie making, STEM activity using bee bots to name but a few. The week concluded with a fun/ inclusion day where we welcomed staff and pupils from 5 local schools not to mention Teddy, Ardfinnan N.S's therapy dog, Des Dillon, Brenda Foley from Blossom Yoga and an ice cream van! It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff and pupils to mix with staff and pupils from the other schools. Sincere thanks to all the staff for their help in making this week so special.



Sunflower Day:

This took place on 30th May and all proceeds went directly to South Tipperary Hospice who provide such a valuable service. We were delighted to welcome Terry Curran from South Tipperary Hospice to the school recently. Terry was delighted to collect a cheque amounting to €208 . Thank you for all your generosity to such a worthwhile cause.



Our Hall of Fame:

Massive congratulations to Daithí Goonan, Dara O Loughlin and Ethan Collins who represented the school in the Primary Skills Competition in Thurles and were chosen to represent Tipperary in the Munster Finals.



Active Week:

Active Week took place from 10th -14th June and this was organised by the Active Committee led by Mr. Hyland. It was a brilliant week and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed all the activities arranged from tennis to a scouting activity, baking, a visit from the fire brigade, a whole school walk and a blitz in memory of our beloved SNA Dee. Congratulations to the Green Team for winning the House Cup! The week was a huge success. Massive thanks to Mr. Hyland and the Active Committee for all their work in organising such a brilliant week.





School Tours:

June was a very busy month with school tours for all classes. Junior and Senior Infants had a brilliant day in Marlhill Farm on 21st June and 3rd-6th classes really had a blast in U.L. 1st and 2nd classes ventured to Leahy's Open Farm and have a brilliant day in the beautiful sunshine. 6th Class enjoyed a very special trip to Perks in Youghal on 17th June where they engaged in laser tag and bowling. This money was funded from the proceeds of their March bake sale- thanks again to everyone who supported it. On 24th May 3rd-6th class headed off on their annual educational tour to Mitchelstown Caves and Gelngarra Woods where they enjoyed a lovely picnic in the sunshine.







Split the Pot:

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Split the Pot draw each week. The money raised is invested back into the school to benefit our pupils. Thanks to your contribution to our draw the most recent profits were used to pay for the buses for the trips to Mitchelstown Caves and Glengarra Woods, the activities for Active Week and the activities that were carried out during Wellbeing Week and Active Week. These were two hugely enjoyable days for some of our pupils. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!



Healthy Eating:

As you are aware we are working on healthy eating as part of our identified area of focus in Wellbeing. Our aim is to create a school environment that fosters and promotes healthy eating habits among students leading to improved physical health and mental wellbeing. We are committed to creating awareness around healthy eating for the school community. We are currently running an internal school competition whereby the pupils are divided into house colours and awarded points for healthy eating choices. The team with the most amount of points will receive a healthy treat (e.g. smoothies, fruit skewers, playground time) and a house cup. The competition will run twice every term. Well done to the green team for

winning the cup. They were treated to delicious smoothies kindly organised by Mrs. McCaffrey.

Konor's Circus:

Konor's Circus visited the school in May. All classes were treated to a lesson with Konor where they learned a number of circus tricks such as plate spinning, juggling and diaboloing. This activity was organised as part of Wellbeing Week and the pupils and staff had a ball. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Split the Pot draw which funded this activity. Your support is very much appreciated.



Graduation

On 20th June we had graduation for our 6th Class pupils. This was a beautiful occasion that was organised by Mr. McGrath. A special thanks to our P.A. for organising the lovely refreshments afterwards. These were enjoyed by everyone in the sunshine. We wish all of our pupils the very best as they head off to secondary school. They have been an amazing class and we are all so proud of them.



Green Day:

Our annual Green Day took place on 25th June and this was organised by Ms. Stafford and the Green School Committee. Greta Ryan and Albert Nolan visited the school and carried out plant printing with all classes, and they were taught about bats and insects. The pupils took part in a bug hunt and a litter clean up of the village also took place. It was a brilliant day in the school and the pupils loved it. Special thanks to Ms. Stafford and the committee for all their hard work.





Junior Achievement Programme 'Our World' Report

The 'Our World' programme was successfully implemented in our 5th and 6th classes this year. We are very grateful to Paul Clarke, who delivered the programme, and the pupils loved each session over the 5 weeks. The sessions were engaging and well-structured, capturing the students' interest throughout. The programme effectively taught various skills, particularly those beneficial for future careers in STEAM fields. Our students showed notable improvement in teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking.



Thank You:

We wish to Ms. Amy Gleeson and Ms. Clare Dempsey for all their exceptional work this past year and for the care and kindness that they showed to our pupils. We wish them the very best in their career and we hope that we have the opportunity to work with them in the future.

Thank you to everyone for all their support this past year. We are so grateful to you all. We wish you all a lovely summer and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back to school at the end of August. Míle buíochas go léir!

