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June Newsletter 2024

Communion: First Holy Communion was held on Saturday May 25th at 11am in Muff Church. It was a wonderful occasion that I am sure the children will remember for a long time. A big thank you to the class teacher Ms Campbell for preparing the children so well for this important sacrament. Thank you also, to the volunteers who helped out on the day and baked treats for the reception after the Mass, it is very much appreciated by all.

Graduation Mass: The 6th class Graduation Mass will take place on Saturday June 15th at 7:30 in Muff Church. There will be a short reception in the hall afterwards.

School Tours: Junior and Senior Infants went on their tour on Tuesday May 21st. They all had a wonderful day at the Crystal Maze and were very lucky with the wonderful weather they had. 3rd & 4th class attended Tanagh Outdoor adventure Centre on Tuesday May 28th. They had a non-stop action-packed day. Below is the list of school tours that are yet to take place:

6th Class – Glasnevin Museum, Croke Park Museum & Bowling in Blanchardstown – Thursday June 6th

5th class – Bay Sports Athlone – Wednesday June 12th.

1st & 2nd Class – Dublin Zoo Friday June 14th.

Thank you to the Parents Association who have kindly donated towards the cost of all the tours.

Sports Day: Sports Day is pencilled in for Wednesday June 19th (Weather depending). As per usual, parents will be invited in from 10:00 to 10:45 to watch children participating in the Fun Races. The school will let you know of exact dates nearer to the time when weather forecast will be more predictable.

SPHE / Stay Safe: All classes will be completing the Stay Safe programme over the coming weeks. The 5th & 6th classes are also completing the Relationship and Sexuality Education component. If any parent has a query, they can contact the class teacher through the school office.

Parents Association: The P.A. had their annual Family Fun Walk on Sunday May 19th on Lough an Lae. It was a wonderful occasion with a brilliant turnout from children and parents. The beautiful weather also added to the occasion.

The clothes collection took place on May 7th, 8th & 9th. Thank you to all who contributed to this. A big thank you to the P.A. for their continued support to the school.

Competitions: Kingspan Art: Congratulations to Méabh Shiels and Danny Lay who won prizes for their entries in the Kingspan Global Passionate poster competition, with the theme of "Sustainability in my Community." They were presented with their prizes and their framed entries at an Awards ceremony in the Shirley Arms hotel on Thursday May 16th.

Community Games Art: Congratulations to our 9 winners in the Community Games art competition. We had winners in 5 age groups, with the entire U- 8 girls' category all from Muff NS.

U-8 Girls - 1st Clara Smith, 2nd Sophie Tinnelly, 3rd Lily-Mae Sheridan

U-8 Boys - 3rd Taylor Clarke

U-10 Girls - Joint 3rd - Aoife Byrne & Stella Brown.

U-10 Boys - 2nd Lochlann McCormack, 3rd Danny Lay

U-12 Girls - 1st Kayla Clinch.

They will all go through to the county finals, on bank holiday Monday. We wish them all the very best of luck!

GAA: Our girls team played their final group game V Killygarry N.S. on Wednesday May 29th. With both teams undefeated to date, it was a winner takes all fixture. Two evenly matched teams played out a tense match. Unfortunately, we fell to a 2-point defeat. We would like to wish Killygarry N.S. all the best in the final. A massive "thank you" to Miss Swinburne who was assisted by Alison and Therese in preparing the girls to play at such a high level.

The boys' team have made it to the Division 2 Final (**Date to be arranged**) having won 4 games out of 4. They will continue training for the next few weeks and have a challenge match organised against Mullaghrafferty N.S. Tuesday. A big thank you to all staff who help out with the training and preparation of the teams.

FAI Soccer 5-a-side Competition: Well done to both the boys and girls teams who recently competed in the FAI 5-a-side competition. Both teams made it through their group stages and into the Cavan County final. Unfortunately, luck was not on our side and both teams narrowly missed out on progressing to the Ulster competition. The standard was impressive in both codes and the children represented the school with great distinction.

After School Summer Camp: Caroline from Afterschool will be running 1 week of camp again this year. It will be a week of sports, games, arts & crafts finished off with a much-anticipated sports day on the last day!

Dates: July 8 – 12th 9-1pm daily.

Ages: 5-13

Cost: €75 per child - €5 discount for additional family members. Contact 087 1762628.

Following in the Footsteps of Friends: 6th class are undertaking a transition program from Primary to Secondary school. On June 20th, there will be a "Following in the Footsteps of Friends" workshop where past pupils from 1st year will return to talk about life after Primary school. This was a great success last year and we feel it will benefit the pupils immensely. This has been organised by the Parents Association.

School Uniform: Just a reminder regarding the wearing of jewellery, makeup and other fashion items. This is not appropriate for primary schools. Children can wear small single ear stud and a single ring. Other jewellery such as necklaces/ bracelets should not be worn as they can get lost or broken. Furthermore, there is a health and safety aspect to children pulling at jewellery during playtime. Make-up/ fake tan/ hair dye etc. of any kind is not permitted.

Car Parking: We hugely appreciate those who follow the car parking system that we have in place, both in the morning and at 2:00 & 3:00pm. We would also like to remind parents that cars should not drop off or pick up at the school gate or across from it.

Standardised Tests: These tests are currently taking place. As required, the Sten Score will be given in the end of the year reports for 2nd, 4th and 6th classes.

School Calendar: Please see below the school calendar for the remainder of this school year:

June Bank holiday Closed May 31st – Monday 3rd June

Local Elections, School Closure - Friday June 7th

Summer Holidays – Finish Tuesday June 25th, 2024, at 12pm

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