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Newsletter May 1st 2025

Dear parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and that you are enjoying the fine weather.

The school will close for the May Bank Holiday Monday May 5th.

Well done to Fia and Ruby, Sixth Class, who represented our school in the All-Ireland Intel Mini Scientist finals on Tuesday with their project *How Bitcoin Mining Can Reduce Methane Gas Emissions in Landfill Sites.* The girls put alot of hard work in and presented their project wonderfully. We are very proud of them.

Our school has received confirmation from the Department of Education that we are now eligible for Hot School Meals which will be in place for the next school year.

Over the Easter holidays new floor covering was installed in the Senior Infant classroom.

Many thanks to all the parents who have paid the second set of fees for our Music Generation lessons that are now due for this term, January to June. Over 34 children have yet to pay. If Music Generation fees are not paid, we will not be able to continue with this programme next year. The cost of these lessons are €20 (which works out at just over €1 per lesson) and can be paid on the Eolas app or to your child's class teacher.

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth class will commence swimming lessons in K-Leisure, Athy at 10am on Thursday May 8th for six weeks. Payment can be made on the Eolas App in full or in installments or to the class teacher.

With the lovely weather, I want to remind you of the Department of Education's recommendation that the children wear a hat to school as part of their school uniform for the months of May to June. On sunnier days, children should also wear sun protection.

Sports News

Well done to our U10s team who played a great match today on our school match against Kilberry.

Our Senior Boys' team play Ballysax in Suncroft on Tuesday May 6th at 12.15pm.

Our Senior Girls also play Ballysax at home on Wednesday May 7th at 12.15pm.

Well done to our 12 athletes who took part in the Cross Country Running in Rathcoffey on Thursday April 10th. Both teams ran really well. Congratulations to Michael who finished third in the race and to our Boys' team who won the team award for the school for the first time.

Thanks to all who supported our Easter Raffle. We raised €980.

Smartphone Voluntary Agreement

In the context of (i) an increasing awareness amongst educators and mental health professionals that smart phone use is contributing to an increase in anxiety amongst children (ii) a growing awareness of the benefits of delayed ownership of smartphones, we surveyed parents about opting into a 'smartphone-free' voluntary code. The code is a collective agreement for parents to delay giving their children a smartphone until they leave primary school. The voluntary smartphone agreement complements the mandatory school policy regarding mobile phone use which states that students are not permitted to use phones during school hours or on the school premises. Please find a link below to our code:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10bcRkbOP-6gemlJ5A0qpxboFRHg-qkoq/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=118303289693935190675&rtpof=true&sd=true

If you wish to sign up to our school's Voluntary Agreement, please follow this link:

https://forms.gle/59Qq35CX7UPfMvC9A

Kind regards



Mr. Darragh Flynn

Principal

Calendar: 2024/2025

May 5th : May Bank Holiday

May 8th: Swimming Lessons commence for 4th, 5th & 6th class

May 23rd: First Holy Communion at 11am

May 29th: Moone Mile

June 2nd : June Bank Holiday

June 3rd: 3rd/4th class Ukulele Workshop in Newbridge

June 6th: Sports Day

June 11th: 6th class Graduation and Play 1.15pm

June 13th: 5th/6th class school tour

June 16th: 1st/2nd class school tour

June 17th: Infants school tour

June 17th: 3rd/4th class school tour

June 20th : Final school day in June. School closes at 12pm.

August 27th: Start of new school year