

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Confirmation

Congratulations to Tom, Freya, Gary, John, Sara, Lilly, Christopher, Darragh, Robyn, Jessica, Tomás, Kyle and Daniel who received the sacrament of confirmation on 24th March. They were all very well prepared and made us so proud on the day. A big thank you to Mr. Tighe and Fr Ciaran for all their support.

First Confession

The 2nd class children had their first confessions last month.

They will go to Ballintubber Abbey as part of their communion preparation on Thursday 23rd April. We hope they enjoy this special day of prayer. The cost for the retreat is **€10 per child**.

Learning Life Skills on Two Wheels!

An Mheitheal Rothar delivered a fantastic workshop for our 3rd–6th class students, teaching them essential bicycle maintenance skills. The children learned how to fix a puncture, pump their tyres, oil their chains, and carry out a few other basic checks to keep their bikes in great condition.

It was a hugely beneficial and hands-on day, giving students practical skills that will help them stay safe, independent, and confident when cycling. A brilliant life skill that will serve them well for years to come!

Quiz Fundraiser

The quiz fundraiser was a success. A huge thank you to the Parents Committee, Trevor Coleman, David Murphy and all the parents who attended. We made a huge €1236.95!

Grandparents Day/ Official Opening of the Playground

Our last day of Term 2 was a fabulous day! We had a short prayer service; all the children performed their songs beautifully and Anita from music generation assisted with some beautiful musical performances. We were delighted that Mary Lardner officially opened our new playground and we got to show everyone around! Thank you to everyone who joined us to celebrate on this special day. Your presence means so much to our school community. We are so excited to see our students enjoy this wonderful new addition to our school!

Road Safety Authority Visit

We will have a member of the National Road Safety Education Service with the Road Safety Authority visit us on 14th April to speak to the children about road safety. It is both important and timely to foster good road safety attitudes and behaviour among our school students.

Music Generation

Music classes continue every Wednesday with Anita. The children are really enjoying the exposure to different instruments and genres of music. The cost for Term 3 is €10 per child.

School Sports

We continue with hurling, football and tag rugby each week. It is brilliant to see the children outdoors and enjoying their sports.

Forest School

Forest school returns this term for junior and senior infants and 6th Class. Their sessions will be every second Monday beginning on 27th April. The cost **per child is €10**.

Swimming

Swimming starts for 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th Classes on Tuesday 28th April for 4 weeks. (12.15pm – 1pm) and JI/SI and 5th/6th Class will start their 4 weeks on Tuesday 26th of May. The cost is **€40.00 per child**.

Congratulations to Danni Gilmore from 4th Class who competed in Irish Minor School Championship during the Easter break. She swam brilliantly and achieved a new personal best. Well done, Danni!

Football and Hurling

The children in 4th – 6th classes are looking forward to participating in the local cup competitions.

The Girls Raftery Cup (Football) will take place on 30th April with the final on 14th May. The Anthony Murphy Cup (Hurling) finals night is on 26th May. The Boys Raftery Cup (Football) will take place on 21st April with the final on 7th May.

The Cumann na mBunscoil camogie will take place on 15th May and the hurling on 27th April.

Thanks to Mr Tighe for all his work with the teams.

Friendship Week

We will be celebrating Friendship Week from 27th April – 1st May. It is a chance for the students to celebrate and appreciate their friendships but also have the opportunity to make new friends. This plays a very important role in creating a positive school environment for all our students. There will be many different activities for each of the classes throughout the week.

Summer Hats

We have been advised by the Department of Education to remind children to wear a bucket hat and sunscreen as the weather begins to improve. The simple act of wearing a hat can have a lasting impact on your child's health. By reducing sun exposure, you're significantly lowering the risk of skin damage.

School Payments

Payments due this term are:

Term 3 Music €10

Swimming €40 (includes 4 lessons and the bus)

Forest School €10 for Infants and 6th Class

As always, payments can be paid in instalments or contact the principal if you need to discuss payment options.

Bank Account Details: IBAN: IE24 AIBK 93715045680338 BIC: AIBKIE2D

Dates for Your Diary

School Closure for Oide Training: Tuesday 21st April

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

Holy Communion: Retreat: Thursday 23rd April, Sacrament: Saturday 9th May at 11am

June Bank Holiday: Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd June

School Tour Infants/1st/2nd Class: Monday 8th June

School Tour 3rd – 6th Class: Thursday 11th June

Swimming Sessions: 1st/2nd Class & 3/4th Class April 28th – 19th May

Junior & Senior Infants & 5th/6th Class 26th May – 23 June

Summer Holidays: Wednesday 24th June at 12pm

We look forward to a great last term filled with learning and laughter.

Le gach dea – ghuí,

Sinéad Cleary & Staff