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June 2021 Newsletter

Summer Holidays

As the 20/21 school year comes to an end, we look forward to hopefully a more normal return to school in late August. Even though this year has thrown many obstacles in our way, I feel immensely proud of the entire school community for working together. We have all helped create a safe and enjoyable school environment for the children of the school.

We hope that the next academic year will allow many of the fun initiatives and activities to return to school. Initiatives such as literacy lift off, maths station teaching, aistear, Sciath na Scol football and hurling and many more will hopefully be allowed when we return to school.

Over the past month, the children have experienced some sort of normality in school. We have tried to create fun filled activities that in some ways have made up for the many activities the children have missed out on over the past year. Each class has had a school tour, participated in active week, had a crazy hair day and farmer's market and much more.

The boys and girls in the school have been wonderful throughout the year. The resilience they have shown on a daily basis is a credit to themselves and their families. They are all wonderful individuals with very bright futures ahead of them.

Best wishes to the 30 boys and girls in 6th class who are continuing on to secondary school next year. They are a wonderful class, all with terrific personalities and I am sure that they will all succeed, no matter what they put their minds to. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know the class and I wish them all the very best in the future.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Best wishes,

Bryan.

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This year we congratulate Ms. Evelyn O'Donovan on her retirement. Evelyn has been working with us in Crab Lane for the past 16 years. During this time, Evelyn has provided wonderful support to all of the children she has worked with and has been a huge source of support to children, parents and staff alike. Best of luck Evelyn in your next chapter.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to Mr. Donagh Murphy who is continuing his teaching journey abroad for the coming year. Donagh has proved to be a fantastic addition to the school and hopefully we will see him back here in the not-too-distant future.

Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Confirmation for this year's 6th class will take place on Saturday, 2nd October at 11 a.m. in the SMA.

Holy Communion for this year's 2nd class will take place on Saturday, 16th October at 11 a.m. in the SMA.

Stay Safe

Children from 1st to 6th class have completed the Stay Safe programme over the past number of weeks. I would ask parents to continue to remind children of the importance of staying safe, especially over the summer months.

Active Week

The children participated in active play between Monday, 14th June and Friday, 18th June. Activities included zumba dancing, rugby, fitness, soccer, football, orienteering, skipping and our sports day. The children had a fantastic week which was rounded off by the visit of an ice-cream truck for the sports day.



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6th class recently organised a Crazy Hair Day for the school with the money raised going to the Irish Cancer Society. There were some very creative and artistic designs with one child in each class receiving a prize for their efforts. The day raised €782. Well done to all involved.

Farmer's Market

6th class held a very successful Farmer's Market on Wednesday, 23rd June. There were many delicious treats and sweets created by the 6th class students. The day raised €1,003 with the money being distributed between Marymount and the Make a Wish Foundation. Congratulations to all on a fantastic initiative.

Parents' Association

A sincere thank you to the Parents' Association and the parents of the school for their support over the past year. The children have had a wonderful final term filled with fun and excitement. Without all of the support, this would not have been possible. From all of the staff and children, a huge thank you to you all.

High Street Books

With support from High Street Books, the school is once again offering the option of ordering next year's school books online from High Street Books. Once ordered, High Street Books will deliver the books, free of charge, to your door. Alternatively, you may choose to collect the books from the store. Please see www.hsb.ie for further details.



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Parent's Association Update

We hope you all looking forward to the summer holidays after a challenging year for all. Hopefully we will return to normality from next September and we can organise some fun family social events once again. On behalf of the PA, we would like to acknowledge the huge efforts made by Bryan McCarthy and all staff in the school in what was a difficult year, but especially in recent months since returning to school, to ensure the children all got to have a school tour, active week, sports day, amongst others. It is much appreciated and made such a difference for our children to feel some sense of normal school life.

In the absence of being able to organise any events this year, the PA have continued to support our children in school and have funded the purchase of a new Defibrillator for the Senior school, First Holy Communion goodie bags, Christmas treats & virtual Santa visit for each class, basketball hoops for school yard, our March walking challenge, school tour buses for senior classes, subsidised junior school tour and organised ice-creams for junior classes school tour and also for the school sports day.

Next year, Bryan McCarthy has indicated that following consultation with staff, they would like to have a Maths and STEM resource pack available for each class in the school, which is age appropriate from Junior Infants right through to Sixth class. There is currently one stem/maths kit, which must be shared across all classes. This investment is costing in the region of €10,000. The PA has agreed to support this initiative, which will provide our children with a much broader range of learning resources.

Thank you to all families who are contributing to our PA fund, which enables us to provide these resources for our children and we would greatly appreciate more support from other families going forward.

We would like to thank in particular the following committee members who have stepped down this year, for their contribution to the PA and school over the years: Alison Walsh, Martin Ryan, Aisling Haly, Orla Kavanagh, Eimear Dalton and Aida Goold.

Thank you also to the Class Reps who are rotating this year for their help over the past two years and to the incoming class reps for offering to help.

We would also like to wish the outgoing 6th class the very best in their exciting journey from primary to secondary school. We are sure they take with them many happy memories from Crab Lane, along with strong friendships formed.

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PA Fund: For those families who would like to start supporting our PA fund, standing orders can be set up (€10 per month per family) or a one-off annual payment (€120), which can be transferred to the PA bank account online.

PA Fund Bank Account:

Account Name: Ballintemple National School PA

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE77AIBK93417893373195

Please reference all standing orders and bank transfers with your family name

Hope you all have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Kind Regards

Erica Mahony & Leigh McCarthy

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