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### May 2022 Newsletter

#### **Holy Communion and Confirmation**

Congratulations to the pupils in 2nd and 6th class who received the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation in recent weeks.

Thank you to their teachers Mr. McCarthy and Ms. O' Flynn for preparing them for the day. Also, thank you to Ms. Sayers and Ms. Kennedy for preparing the beautiful school choir for both ceremonies.

Thank you to Toni for all of her work in the background in making sure that both ceremonies ran smoothly.

Thank you to the celebrants, Fr. Gus, Fr. Alphonse and Bishop Noel O' Regan for celebrating the ceremonies with us.

Finally, thank you to the Parents' Association for organising parties after both ceremonies in the prefabs.

#### **Prefab re-placement**

Planning permission for the replacement of the prefabs has been granted. Work will begin on site on Monday, 27th June. The new structure will be ready for the new academic year. J.B. Barry Engineers and Masterkabin are developing the new building.

#### **Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) Programme**

The Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme is currently being taught to all classes.

Topics covered and further information on the Department of Education RSE curriculum can be found [here](#). The school will not be implementing the Catholic Schools RSE 'Flourish' programme.

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### **Book Fair**

Thank you to all families who purchased books at our Scholastic Bookfair recently. Because of the number of books you bought, the school will now receive new books from Scholastic to the value of €1,864.85. This money will be used to help re-stock class libraries and also to purchase new sets of classroom novels.

### **Rock Your Socks Day**

The school raised €768 as part of the “Rock Your Socks “ campaign in aid of Down Syndrome Cork. The “Rock your Socks “ campaign is an international campaign celebrating World Down Syndrome Day on March 21. The children celebrated diversity by wearing different coloured socks to school.

### **School Tours Dates**

All school tours have been finalised for the end of the school year. Thank you to the parents' association for funding the cost of the bus for each school tour. This has greatly reduced the overall cost of each tour. The tours are:

- Junior and senior infants- Tír na Sí Farm on Thursday, 19th May.
- 1st class- Mardyke Arena on Tuesday, 14th June.
- 2nd & 4th class- Cuskinny Adventure Centre on Friday, 27th May.
- 3rd class- Let's Go! Little Island on Wednesday, 15th June.
- 5th class- West Cork Secrets on Monday, 13th June.
- 6th class- Ballyhass Adventure Centre on Wednesday, 1st June.

Payment for the school tours is available on Aladdin.

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### **School Calendar 2022/2023**

The school calendar for the 2022/2023 school year is currently being finalised. We will return to school on Thursday, 25th August 2022. The full school calendar, along with booklists, teacher allocation and other school documents will be forwarded to parents via email on Friday, 10th June.

### **Cork City Sports**

The Cork City Sports is taking place on Friday, 3rd June in MTU, Bishopstown. The times and running order for the day have not yet been released to schools. The girls will be competing in the morning with the boys competing in the afternoon. As soon as we receive further information from the organisers, we will forward the information on to parents. All parents/ guardians of children who have qualified have been contacted.

### **Morning Supervision**

Reminder that morning supervision in school begins each morning at 8.30 a.m. The school does not provide supervision to children who arrive before this time. Children will be welcomed into the school building at 8.30 a.m. if the weather is wet.

### **Important Dates for Your Diary**

Tuesday, 31st May- Children will finish at 12 noon for whole staff training.

Friday, 3rd June- Cork City Sports

Monday 6th & Tuesday, 7th June- School closed for June Bank Holiday

Friday, 10th June- Reports and other school documents to be released.

Thursday, 23rd June- Sports Day in Páirc Uí Rinn.

Friday, 24th June- Children finished at 12 noon for summer holidays.

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### **Parent's Association Update**

As the Summer is fast approaching it has been a very busy few weeks for the children and the parents' association. Firstly, we would like to take the opportunity to thank the parents of First and Fifth class for hosting the after party for the Communion and Confirmation. The food and drinks were a welcome treat for everyone after the ceremony and it was fantastic to see children enjoying it after 3 years absence. Huge thank to everyone who helped out on the day. This would also not have been possible without the PA fund that financed the catering, teas, coffees and provided the children's treats on the day and post ceremony in school, partially financed the videographer and the presents to thank staff for their huge work in getting children ready for their special day.

Over this term the PA fund has financed the buses for Sciath na Scoil matches and blitz's, paid for the school tour buses to keep costs per child down and organised an ice cream man for June 23<sup>rd</sup> school sports day for all the children.

At last, we are able to get together as an adult school community and we have organised the Venue Bar for pizza and drinks Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm onwards. This is always a great occasion and especially important to new families who over the last two years with Covid may not have had the opportunity to get to know other families in the school so we encourage as many of you as possible to come along and enjoy the evening.

In June we are hoping to organise a family fun day in Beaumont Park where the kids will have a soccer tournament and families can get together for a picnic. There will be food vendors there on the day also. We will be in touch with details closer to the time.

A huge thank you to the staff and teachers of the school for working very closely with the PA this term to ensure the children have had a fantastic few weeks in school and enjoying the fine weather.

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Your support as parents has been vital in accumulating these funds to make school life even more exciting for children. Sincere thank you to those families that have contributed and it's never too late to sign up for as little as €10 per month per family or a once off €120 annually. Every penny is used to enhance your children's experience at school. All details of PA Fund Bank account are available under parents' association tab on school web page.

As always, any parent that has ideas or would like to get involved everyone is welcome and we can be contacted on the email below.

Many thanks to the committee, school parent community, and staff enjoy the final few weeks of term which is always a great time for children.

Erica Mahony & Leigh McCarthy

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