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### **Easter 2023 Newsletter**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Congratulations to the 6th class pupils who received the sacrament of confirmation on Friday, 24th February. Thank you to Ms. O'Flynn for preparing the children and also to Ms. Sayers & Ms. Kennedy for preparing the school choir.

Thank you to the parents' association and the 5th class parents for hosting a party for the children and their families back in school afterwards.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the 2nd class pupils who received the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday, 8th March. This is the final step before the children receive their Holy Communion on 13th May. Thank you to Ms. Crowley for preparing the children.

#### **Stay Safe**

Children from 1st to 6th class are currently being taught the Stay Safe programme. If you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher.

#### **Standardised Tests**

The school will administer our Drumcondra standardised tests for 1st class to 6th class this year. Infants do not complete these assessments. The dates are:

- May 9th- Drumcondra English Reading
- May 16th- Drumcondra Maths
- May 17th - Drumcondra Spelling

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The school tours for all classes have been finalised:

Junior Infants- Tír na Sí Farm on Friday, 9th June.

Senior Infants- Rumley's Open Farm on Thursday, 25th May.

1st Class- Let's Go on Monday, 19th June.

2nd Class- Cuskinny Court Activity Centre on Monday, 19th June.

3rd Class- Mardyke Arena on Monday, 29th May.

4th Class- Smugglers Cove on Thursday, 15th June.

5th Class- West Cork Secrets on Tuesday, 20th June.

6th Class- Ballyhass Lakes, Coachford on Tuesday, 20th June.

Payments for the school tours will be on Aladdin today.

### **School Calendar 2023/2024**

The children will return to school for the 23/24 academic year on Wednesday, 30th August 2023. The calendar for the rest of the 23/24 academic year will be forwarded to parents in June.

### **Spar FAI School Soccer**

Congratulations to the 6th class boys and girls school soccer teams who recently participated in the Spar FAI schools soccer competitions. Both teams did the school extremely proud. The boys team got to the final on the day but narrowly lost out to St. Mary's on the Hill. The girls also reached the final on the day and came out victorious against an excellent Kilbrittain team. The girls now go forward to the county final on Tuesday, 25th April in Turners Cross where they will meet three other schools from around the county.

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The boys and girls Sciath na Scol hurling and camogie teams are participating their respective competitions at the moment. Thank you to Mr. Lucey, Mr. Cashman and Mr. Colman for training the teams.

### **Cork City Sports**

We recently held our trials for the Cork City Sports athletics competition. Congratulations to all the children in school who ran brilliantly on the day and had great fun in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The parents of all children who have qualified have been contacted about the event which is taking place on Thursday, 1st June in MTU.

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

Monday, 3rd April to Friday, 14th April- Easter Holidays

Thursday, 20th April- 3rd & 4th class starting swimming lessons every Thursday for 6 weeks.

Tuesday, 25th April- Girls' soccer county final in Turners Cross at 10 a.m.

Friday, 28th April- School closed to facilitate whole school curriculum development.

Saturday, 13th May- 2nd Class Holy Communion

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### **Note from Parents' Association Chairpersons, Leigh Hegarty and Erica Mahony**

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to give a quick overview of what the PA has supported to date and what is planned for the rest of the school year.

At the beginning of this year, we gave €10,500 to the school to fund additional iPad so there are now two full sets of iPad available to all classes in the school. The children love using these for class challenges, project work etc, so they are a great resource to have. In December we paid for the private screening of "Matilda: The Musical" in Mahon Omniplex and buses to/from, which the whole school really enjoyed before their Christmas holidays, costing €3,100. We also bought Christmas treats for all the children on their last day. We have contributed €500 for Sciath na Scol buses in recent months. We also hosted the Confirmation reception back in the school in February which was an enjoyable event for the children and their families. Sincere thanks to all the parents of 5<sup>th</sup> class for their delicious food and serving everybody!

Over the coming months, we hope to be able to cover the cost of the school tour buses for all classes (approx. €2,400) and organise an ice-cream van for school sports day. We will also host the reception for the children celebrating their First Holy Communion on May 13<sup>th</sup>, with the assistance of first-class parents.

On the social side – we plan to organise a family fun day and a parents social evening again in May/June – so further details of these will be circulated shortly once confirmed.

Your support as parents is vital in enabling our continued support for these important initiatives which mean so much to our children, so once again a sincere thank you to those families who have signed up. Suggested contributions are €10 per month per family by standing order, or €120 once off annually.

#### **PA Fund Bank Account:**

Account Name: Ballintemple National School Parents Association

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE77AIBK93417893373195

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

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and enjoy the break!

*Erica Mahony & Leigh McCarthy*

PA Co-Chairpersons, Ballintemple National School

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