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Welcome to the April edition of our school monthly newsletter. We are thrilled to share the latest happenings, achievements and upcoming events in our school. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the incredible accomplishments of our students, highlight all the great work that is done in each class, and provide important updates regarding various initiatives and opportunities. We hope that through this newsletter, you will feel connected to our vibrant school community and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students together.

### **Child Protection:**

D.L.P: Ms. Moloney

### **Upcoming Events:**

Confirmation: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

First Holy Communion: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### **Confirmation:**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> we welcome Bishop Cullinan to Newcastle where he will confirm our pupils in Rang 6. We wish them and their families a really lovely day.





### **Hot School Meals:**

Preparations are well underway for the rolling out of our hot lunches. Gourmet Kids are currently in the process of waiting for an oven and once this is installed in the school, we will be ready to commence. As soon as we have a definite start date you will be notified.



### **Supervision:**

We wish to remind parents/ guardians that our school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 8.50am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9:00am. No pupils should arrive later than 8:55am.

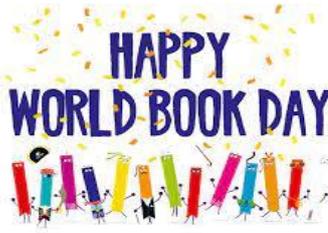
Classes will end each day at 2.40pm (1:40 for Junior and Senior Infants). Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make their own arrangements to have them met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school not later than 2.40pm as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

## Seachtain na Gaeilge:



Go raibh míle maith agat le Ms. Condon agus an coiste Gaeilge as ucht an obair eile a rinne siad ag eagrú Seachtain na Gaeilge iontach. Bhainimid taitneamh as as na gníomhaíochataí agus buíochas freisin as do rannphairt.





### Book Fair/World Book Day:

World Book Day took place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils dressed up as a character from a story and really enjoyed engaging in the fun activities throughout the day.

A total of €1400 was collected during the Book Fair. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book. As a result of the total money collected, €770 was invested back into the school from Scholastics and books to this value were purchased for the school.



### Soccer County Final:

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March our girls' soccer team headed to Thurles to compete in the county finals. They were accompanied by their classmates, admirers and supporters in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class. The team played four games and gave each one their all. Their dedication, determination and wonderful sportsmanship has to be commended. Guímid ádh mór orthu! Thank you to Mr. Hyland for all the work that is put into training the girls. We look forward to many more days like this.



### Orienteering:

Our pupils from 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes headed to Templemore Park on 14<sup>th</sup> March for an orienteering event in conjunction with Tipperary Sports Partnership. They tackled many activities including a short maze, along maze, a short punch course and a long course with electric timing throughout the day. It was a fun-filled day and our pupils thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Orienteering Ireland and Tipperary Sports Partnership for organising such a fantastic event.



### **Split the Pot:**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Split the Pot draw each week. The money raised is invested back into the school to benefit our pupils. Thanks to your contribution to our draw the most recent profits were used to pay for the buses for the orienteering and the soccer final in Thurles. These were two hugely enjoyable days for some of our pupils. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!



### Healthy Eating:

As you are aware we are working on healthy eating as part of our identified area of focus in Wellbeing. Our aim is to create a school environment that fosters and promotes healthy eating habits among students leading to improved physical health and mental wellbeing. We are committed to creating awareness around healthy eating for the school community. We are currently running an internal school competition whereby the pupils are divided into house colours and awarded points for healthy eating choices. The team with the most amount of points will receive a healthy treat (e.g. smoothies, fruit skewers, playground time) and a house cup. The competition will run twice every term. Well done to the red team for winning the cup in March. They were treated to delicious smoothies kindly organised by Mrs. McCaffrey.





### Healthy Eating Poster Competition:

A big shout out to our wonderful Student Council who organised a healthy eating poster competition. They invested a lot of time explaining this to all the classes as well as choosing winners from each class and lovely prizes. The organisation of this competition was very impressive-maith sibh!



### Bake Sale for 6<sup>th</sup> Class:

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classroom was filled with such a variety of sweet treats from donuts, cupcakes, caramel squares to a jar of jellies! This was a fundraiser that was organised by the pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> Class to help fund their graduation hoodies and an end of year graduation trip. An amazing €620.90 was raised and we are blown away by everyone's generosity. Thank you to everyone who came to support the bake sale and to everyone who sent in such delicious treats- there was not a crumb left in the building!!



## Ballymacarbry Playground Designs:

Well done to our pupils who so enthusiastically got involved in planning and designing for the new community playground in Ballymacarbry. We were very impressed with their creativity, imagination and engineering skills. Thank you to Ballymacarbry Community Centre for including our pupils in this competition and to Mr. McGrath for leading it in the school.





### Our Spelling Bee Champ:

Comhghairdeas to Abi Fenton in 6<sup>th</sup> Class who represented the school in the County Final of the Spelling Bee competition on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Abi did amazingly well and we are all immensely proud of her.



## New Bibs:

A big thank you to O'Reilly's Chemist in Clonmel for so generously donating bibs to the school recently and for always been so supportive to our annual 5k each year. We really appreciate this generosity- mile buíochas!

