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School Community Newsletter

French

Thank you to Ms. O' Rourke for providing French classes to 5th and 6th class pupils after school. They are now finished for the year and will start again in Term 2 next year.

Hockey

Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan for hockey training which has started again on Thursday evenings.

Cake Sale

The Parents Association will be organising a Cake Sale on Friday, March 16th. Children can also dress up in St. Patrick's Day colours but do not need to bring in €2 as the cake sale is on. Money raised will go towards paying for the astro-turf pitch.

Social Media

If you take photographs or videos at school events do not share them on social media if they include children other than your own.

Choir

Congratulations to the school choir who came 1st in Limerick Choral Festival! The songs they sung were particularly complicated. Well done to all and sincere thanks to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keefe for all their work. Thank you too to Ms. Needham who has been assisting for this event.

Singing Lessons

Ms. Sheahan is offering singing lessons again and has sent correspondence to those who were on the waiting list. Thank you for this.

Sacraments

Congratulations to 2nd Class who made their 1st Confession on Wednesday night. Thank you to Fr. Tom and Fr. Pat Greed for the ceremony, Ms. Neylon for all the preparation with the

children and Catherine for the booklet. Best of luck to the children in 6th Class who are making their Confirmation on Tuesday, March 13th.

Twitter

We are currently in the process of setting up a Twitter account. This would be linked to our school website and give us the opportunity to show you activities in the school e.g. a choir events, a science experiment etc. There are fabulous activities happening every day and this will give us an opportunity to share them with you. An example of how it can be used can be found here: <https://beheymorens.scoilnet.ie/blog/> and here <http://www.lisnagryns.ie/> .

On the registration form you filled out, which we update annually, you either consented or did not consent to pictures of your child appearing on the school website. To update this to include Twitter, we ask the following:

1. If you consented to pictures of your child on the school website, we will take it that you will also allow the image/ video to appear on Twitter unless you send in a note stating you don't.
2. If you did not consent to pictures of your child on the school website, we will take it that you do not want your child's image/ video to appear on Twitter.

Please send in a note to the office by Friday, March 16th. **You only need to send in a note if you have a different request to what is outlined in point one or point two. Please note no names will be used and children will never appear on their own.**

Basketball

Ms. Crosse will offer basketball lessons to girls in 4th-6th classes after Easter. There are twenty places available and they will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Please send a note to Ms. Crosse if you wish for your child to take part. They will take place on Monday's between 2.40-3.40pm. Thank you to Ms. Crosse for this.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

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