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School Community Newsletter

Ethos

Congratulations to 6th class on receiving their Confirmation. Thank you to Ms. Ryan and Mr. Crowe for preparing the children so well, Ms. Parkinson for preparing the music and Catherine for the booklet. Thank you to the Parents Association for the refreshments afterwards.

Both 2nd classes are currently busy preparing the children for their First Holy Communion. We wish them well on Saturday, May 20th. Ms. Coughlan's class have their ceremony at 10am and Mr. Collins' class have their ceremony at 12 noon.

Two diocesan advisors recently visited all classes and were very impressed by the religious knowledge of the children. Well done to all teachers and children.

Hurling and Camogie

Training for 4th-6th takes place on the G.A.A. grounds on Mondays. Training for 2nd and 3rd takes place on the astro-pitch on Mondays for girls and on Wednesdays for boys. Thank you to Ms. O' Keeffe, Ms. Neylon, Ms. Meskall, Ms. Collins, Ms. Guckian, Mr. Crowe, Mr. Collins and Mr. Hickey for volunteering.

3rd-4th attended a blitz in Clonlara yesterday. Thank you to Ms. O' Keeffe, Ms. Collins, Ms. Curtin, Ms. Parkinson, Deirdre Dalton and Ms. Carey for bringing the children and to Ms. O' Keeffe for organising it.

Rugby

Thank you to Ms. Collins and Ms. Gallagher to took children from 5th and 6th to a Rugby Blitz on May 3rd. They won again – this is the third year in a row that Parteen have one this competition! Thank you to Kenneth McNamara from Munster Rugby who organised it.

Flooring

All classrooms in the main building have been re-floored over the Easter period. Thank you to all the teachers and staff for their support and cooperation during the big move.

School Tours

Please see the schedule of tours below. Please inform us if you do not want your child going. Children should wear their school tracksuits. They should bring rain coats/ wear sunscreen as appropriate. Please do not send in coins. Children can bring a treat on the tour but should not bring any money. Thank you to all teachers and to Catherine for organising the tours.

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| Both Junior Infant Classes | Thursday May 18 th | 9am – 1.40pm | Stonehall Pet Farm, Co. Limerick | €10 |
| Mr. Hickey's S.I. | Tuesday, May 23 rd | 9am – 2.15pm | Fire Station and Barneys, Ennis | €10 |
| Ms. Quinn's S.I. | Wednesday, May 17 th | 9am - 2.15pm | Fire Station and Barneys, Ennis | €10 |
| Ms. Neylon's 1 st | Thursday, May 25 th | 9am - 2.15pm | Moher Hill Pet Farm, Liscannor, Co. Clare | €15 |
| Both 2 nd Classes | Tuesday, May 30 th | 9am - 2.40pm | Rectory, Croom, Co. Limerick | €15 |
| Both 3 rd Classes | Tuesday, June 20 th | 9am - 2.40pm | Craggaunowen, Quin, Co. Clare and Ballymorris Pottery, Cratloe, Co. Clare | €20 |
| Both 4 th Classes | Wednesday, June 21 st | 9am – 3.30pm | Adventure World Camp, University of Limerick | €30 |
| Ms. O' Donovan's 5 th | Wednesday, May 24 th | 8.30am- 3.45pm | Lets Go Sports Camp, Delta | €30 |
| Both 6 th classes | Thursday, June 15 th | 7.30am- 6pm | Cóbh, Titanic Museum and Spike Island Adventure Centre, Co. Cork | €50 |

Storage

We are purchasing a shed. Thank you to the Madden family who had been storing items for us.

Hockey

Hockey training continues with Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan each Thursday evening on the astro-turf pitch. Thank you to both teachers for this.

The team will play Laurel Hill in Laurel Hill on Wednesday, May 10th. They will leave school at 9.10am and return by 12 noon. Please let the teachers know if you do not want your child going.

A set of jerseys has been ordered for the team.

Naomi Carroll, a member of the Irish Hockey Team, will help with the training session on May 18th!

French Lessons

French lessons start on Monday May 15th. Thank you to Ms. O' Rourke for offering these. She has already been in contact with those participating.

Junior Ranger

David Lyons, the local ranger, will visit both 3rd class on May 15th as part of the Junior Ranger programme.

Trip to Belgium

On Monday 15th May 18 children from 6th class, accompanied by 4 teachers, will depart from Dublin Airport for a 3 day trip to Belgium. The group will be based in the city of Leuven and undertake an extensive tour of World War 1 battlefields, trench systems and museums in the Flanders region. Visits will also be made to the various burial grounds of the region including some where local men from our parish lie buried.

On the evening of Tuesday May 16th the group have been invited to partake in the world famous Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate. The children will lay a laurel wreath and stand in solemn silence as a bugler plays the 'Last Post'. This will be a very fitting conclusion to the Edward Lynch project undertaken by 6th Class.

The trip will conclude on Wednesday with some sight-seeing and souvenir shopping around Leuven City Centre and a visit to the International School of Leuven.

Choir

The School Choir will take part in New Ross Choral Festival on Friday, May 19th. They will depart the school at 7am and be home by 5pm. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson, Ms. O' Keefe and Ms. Needham for taking the children. We wish them well in the competition. Please inform Ms. Parkinson or Ms. O' Keefe if your child is in the choir and you do not want your child to go. The cost of the trip is €15 which includes bus and food.

Teaching Practice

Students from Mary Immaculate College are currently completing teaching practice in 5th and 6th. They will finish at the end of next week.

Accord

Accord will deliver a Preparation for Life day – parents of 6th class children will get a separate letter with details of the course.

Wednesday, May 31st: Mr. Crowe. Thursday, June 1st: Ms. Ryan

Parents Association

The Cake sale raised €1380 and the Easter Raffle raised €590. Thank you to Unity Credit Union who donated the prizes for the Easter Raffle.

A clothing collection will take place on Tuesday, May 16th. Clothes can be dropped in on Friday from 1.40pm – 2.40pm and on the Monday and Tuesday mornings between 8am and 9.30am. No duvets, pillows or toys can be collected.

The family walk will take place on Sunday, May 28th. Sponsorship cards have been distributed. Please note an error in the date – the walk is on the Sunday.

All fundraising is going towards paying for the astro-turf pitch.

6th Class Trip

6th class will visit Shannon air traffic control on June 9th. Thank you to Martin Hogan for facilitating the visit and organising it along with Ms. Ryan.

Graduation

6th class graduation will be held on Wednesday June 28th at 7pm in the church with refreshments in the school hall afterwards.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

For the first year Parteen pupils took part in the JEP (Junior Entrepreneurship Programme). This programme essentially opened the door to entrepreneurship for pupils by firstly learning about entrepreneurship and secondly becoming one. The children hugely benefitted from this project as they were innovating, creating, presenting, managing, producing, financing and organising their class idea. The pupils gained confidence as they had to communicate in groups, present their projects to visiting Dragons, interview the visiting Editor from the Clare People Emmet Moloney, link-in with customers at the Showcase Day in the halla and present their overall school project to the 24 participating Clare schools in Ennis.

They have learnt and developed many invaluable skills along the way and have felt a great sense of achievement in their finished product which was called 'Rapid T-Shirts'. The class have made some profits which they will put towards their swimming, school tour, charity and a class treat!

Thank you to the teachers, parents, customers and principal of Parteen N.S. for supporting this initiative and thank you to the JEP sponsors and support staff who have guided the school along the way. Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan for organising this project for the children.

Uniforms and school supplies.

As we go into the third term, please be aware that it is a full school term and that uniform policy must be followed. Please ensure your child has a plain tracksuit bottom. It is unfair on all the children in the school who are complying with the policy if a child comes in with branded sports gear. Please also ensure your child had adequate pens, pencils etc. for the remainder of the year.

Car Park

We are receiving reports **of dangerous driving in the morning**. I have contacted the Gardaí. If you see any dangerous driving please note the number plate and inform the Gardaí in Ardnacrusha Garda Station on 061345136

Astro-turf

We have had reports of people breaking into the astro-turf by climbing over the gates. We have recently expanded the CCTV (please note signs around the school). Part of the fencing has been vandalised. If any community members spot any trespassing, please inform the Gardaí in Ardnacrusha Garda Station.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms. Needham on her recent engagement!

Board of Management

Please see agreed reports in the Board of Management section of the website.

Sports Day

This will be confirmed shortly.

Kind regards,

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