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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

The 'Edward Lynch' project has gained significant momentum and we are very close to reuniting the 'Widow's Penny' with Edward's family. This project has been covered by TG4, RTE, local radio and newspapers. It has greatly promoted interest in World War 1. We are now hoping to bring 16 children from 6th to Leuven, Belgium, to visit World War 1 sites. People may have heard of Leuven from the Irish College located there. We intend to fly into the small airport, Charleroi, using Ryanair.

Mr. Ruane, Ms. Guckian, Mr. Crowe and Ms. Collins have agreed to accompany the children. The BOM have approved of this trip. The details are as follows:

Schedule

Monday, May 15th

Depart Parteen School via bus 13.00 Dublin: 18.45

Arrive in Charleroi: 21.25

A bus and driver will pick us up and bring us to Leuven.

We will stay in IBIS Budget Leuven Centrum.

Accommodation: Twin rooms.

Tuesday, May 16th

Activities: The bus and driver will pick us up and we will visit World War 1 sites in Flanders (Ypres, Tyne Cot, Passchendaele and lay a wreath at the Menin Gate) and also visit La Touret Memorial in France.

Wednesday, May 17th

Activity: Visit the International School, Leuven and walk around Leuven.

Depart: Charleroi: 16.40

Arrive: Dublin: 17.45. Parteen 9pm approx.

The cost, as of today's prices, is €300 per child. This covers children's' flights, bus hire over there for the three days and accommodation with breakfast.

There will be extras which we will discuss with those going, namely transport to and from Dublin, food and travel insurance. We know that some families may already have travel insurance so we will discuss this with those selected. We hope that the children could use Confirmation money to pay for this.

Timeline and Selection Process

Friday 24/3/17: Please discuss this letter in detail with your child to ensure they are prepared to stay away from home for this period.

Monday 27/3/17: Return permission slips. If you require further information a meeting will be held at 2.45pm on Monday 27/3/17 in Mr. Crowe's room and you can wait until then to decide if you are interested in your child going into the draw. The draw will take place at this meeting. Flights will be booked on Monday

as we are using Ryanair Tour Group booking facility and we have held places until then. There will be four hats with names divided out as follows: Boys from Mr. Crowe's. Girls from Mr. Crowe's. Boys from Ms. Ryan's. Girls from Ms. Ryan's. Four names will be drawn from each hat.

Wednesday 29/3/17: Meeting for parents whose children are going on the trip. Parents will be required to pay €150.

Thursday 6/4/16: Payment of second €150

Other Details

A teacher will be in place to cover 6th class and 4th class during the period of the trip.

Children will be allowed to bring their mobile phones but we will request they be turned on at set periods to call home – again we will discuss this with those going. A school mobile phone will be brought and carried with us at all times should you need to speak to us urgently and any child who needs to call home at any stage will be given permission.

The trip is viable if there is the sufficient interest.

If you have any questions, please attend on Monday at 2.45pm.

Kind regards,

Mr. Ruane Ms. Guckian Mr. Crowe Ms. Collins

I wish for my child's name to be entered into the draw. If my child's name is selected I give permission for them to go on the trip and I agree to the schedule, details and conditions laid out in this letter.

Sign Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Child's Name: _____