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**School Community Newsletter
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Safety

We have contacted Mayorstone Garda Station to monitor outside the school in the morning and evening. We have had reports of dangerous driving and speeding. If you see any dangerous driving please note the car registration and make a report directly to 061456980.

Choir

Best of luck to the school choir who compete in New Ross on Friday. Details were in the April Newsletter. Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keeffe for this and to Ms. Needham who will support them on the day.

Brendan Culligan

Brendan Culligan, a renowned teacher, lecturer and author on improving spelling, will give a talk for parents in the school hall on May 22nd at 7pm. Thank you to Ms. Guckian for organising this.

Ardnacrusha

Ms. O' Donovan's 5th Class will visit Ardnacrusha Power station tomorrow, May 16th. Mr. Collins' 5th class will visit it on May 31st. They will leave at 9.20am and be back for 12.15pm. Please send in a note if you do not want your child to attend. They will walk there and back. Thank you to both teachers for organising this.

Hurling

Best of luck to the boys hurling team who will play the Cuman na mBunscol matches in a blitz this Thursday, May 17th. They will be issued with a separate letter. Thank you to all who train them and to Ms. O' Keeffe and Mr. Collins who will bring them on the day.

Communion

Best of luck to 2nd class who will make their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday.

Hockey

The Hockey team will play in Laurel Hill on Tuesday, May 22nd. They will depart at 11.40am and be back by 2.20pm. Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan for this.

Front Car Park

Thank you to Clare Co. Council and Cllr. Cathal Crowe who have organised for our front car park to be tarred in July.

Primary Game

Well done to Conor Barry and Danny Williamson who represented us in the Primary Game trials in hurling and football respectively.

School Walk and Recycling

The school walk will take place on Sunday, May 27th at 12noon. It will start from the school, continue to Flash's and go to Ardnacrusha and back via the woods. There will be tea, coffee and ice-cream upon arrival back at the school. Please note that children must be fully supervised by their parents/ guardians both at the school and during the walk. There will be water provided at the half-way point. All children who participate will receive a homework pass. Sponsorship cards will be sent home this week.

Thank you to everybody who supported the recycling clothing collection. A profit of €740 was made. All fundraising is going towards the development of a school garden a sensory room.

School Reports

Report cards will be issued at the end of June. Please be aware that the vast majority of children are 'Managing Comfortably' and this is the starting point for every teacher. Only when a teacher has evidence to the contrary is a different 'mark' given. Teachers go to great effort in compiling all information to give you a full picture so please take on board any advice given as it is well thought out. Please too remember that the greatest gift anyone can have is a happy, healthy child and that a school report should be taken in context.

New Infants

We have one 6th class leaving and we have one class of Junior Infants coming in. Parents of new infants are invited to attend the school on Wednesday, June 13th between 1pm and 2pm for a short talk with us. They are then invited to bring their children to school from 12.45-1.45 on Thursday, June 21st.

School Closing

The school will be closed on Friday, May 25th, as the school is being used as a polling station.

The school will close at 12noon for JI - 2nd and at 12.15pm for 3rd - 6th on Wednesday, May 30th. This is for Department of Education Child Protection training for staff.

Attendance

April Boys 95.3% Girls 94.8%

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

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