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School Community Newsletter June 2021

We have come to the end of another busy and challenging year in Parteen NS, what a difference the year has made for us all!!! Covid 19 has taught us many lessons, we have learned so many new skills and different ways of doing things, because we simply have had to. We have all, as a community shown huge resilience and learned that necessity can triumph over adversity.

Reminders:

Summer holidays: Wed June 30th 2021. It is a non-uniform/colours day. Jun. and Sen. Inf. will finish at 12 noon, First and Second classes will finish at 12.10. Third and Fourth classes will finish at 12.20 and fifth and sixth classes will finish at 12.30pm.

Booklists for all classes are on the website under the "Newsletter" section.

Services available in the school: Please see May 2021 newsletter.

Reports: All reports were sent home last Thurs in a sealed envelope.

Sacraments:

The boys and girls in both second classes received the sacrament of First Confession in early June. Both 6th classes also had confession in preparation for their upcoming Confirmation. Fr. Purcell gave great praise to all the children saying "It was a pure joy to be involved with the children" as they prepare for their sacraments. Thank you Fr. Eamon for your kind words. We wish him well as he is in hospital at the moment.

Defibrillator:

A new defibrillator has been installed near the astro turf. The access code is 2013. Let your neighbours know of its location. Thank you, Ms O'Rourke for organising this installation.

Home based July Provision:

Thank you to Ms O'Donovan for preparing the forms and contacting families with children eligible for home-based July provision. If you need help finding a tutor please email parteenooffice@gmail.com and we will do our best to source one for you.

Fifth class project:

Fifth class pupils are great for using their pupil voice. They worked on a "Bee" project in June. The pupils wrote letters to Ms Guckian requesting that Liam will not cut the grass area outside their window as they would like it to be a bee friendly zone. They want it left free for the bees to pollinate. Ms Guckian learned lots of facts from the pupils about bees and pollination. Well done boys and girls and keep up your great work!!!

Induction – Junior Infants:

The Induction meeting for incoming Junior Infants took place on Mon 24th May 2021. Ms Meskell and Ms Ryan (Junior Infant teachers for Sept 2021) prepared a video to introduce themselves to the children and to bring them on a virtual tour of their new classroom, the school corridor and the playground. Both Junior Infant classes will commence school on Wed Sept 1st 2021. We will stagger the start time for each class to give them time on their own to settle. We will send a text to all families closer to the date with more details.

Sports:

Thank you to the team involved with organising athletics on Thursday's after school. The children really enjoyed participating in all the fun activities.

Each class got to partake in lots of fun activities last week for their annual sports day, finishing on Fri with a surprise visit from the Ice-cream van.

There was a great splash of colour in the school on Fri 18th June as it was GAA jersey day. We hope to be able to take part in the Clare Cumann na mBunscol games when it is safe to so again.

Congratulations to the girls U14 Parteen GAA, Camogie club who won a county title recently. Thank you to the 5 girls in sixth class who brought the shield to school last week. The team has many past pupils and all the staff are very proud of your win girls, well done and enjoy your success. Congrats also to the coaches and mentors who share their time and expertise with you.

Our past pupil, Aisling Cooney, was recently selected to join the county minor camogie team. What an enormous achievement, well done Aisling!!! We wish you the very best of good luck in your matches. Maith thú, Aisling! Páirtín Abú!!!

Graduation:

On Fri 25th June 56 sixth class pupils celebrated their graduation from primary school over zoom. Each pupil received an award and they gave fabulous presentations of their 8 years in primary school. They prepared beautiful yearbooks with many memories of their time together. Congratulations boys and girls on reaching this wonderful milestone in your lives. Go néirí libh go léir, Shine like the stars that you are!!!! The Parents Association presented each pupil with a "Parteen NS, Class of '21" hoodie. Sincere thanks to all parents/guardians for all your support and

co-operation over the years. For some families it is the end of an era in Parteen NS. All the staff really appreciate your part in helping to make Parteen NS the great school that it is today. We wish you all the very best of luck and happiness in the next chapter!!!

Staffing:

Mr Ruane: All pupils, staff, Parent Association and BOM representatives gathered in the school yard on Fri 28th May 2021 to say “Go raibh maith agat agus slán” to Mr Ruane. Each class presented Mr Ruane with a Principal Prize in praise of his work and contribution to Parteen NS. We thank him for his leadership and guidance over the past seven years. We wish him continued happiness and success in his new school in Ennis.

We express our thanks to the following teachers for their work and commitment throughout the past school year 2020/2021. They have shared their talents and helped the pupils in their care to reach their potential. Thank you to Ms Ruth Andrews, Ms Grace Cooney, Ms Katie McMullin, Mr. Christopher O’Looney, Ms Marie Raftery and Ms Evie Whelan who will finish in Parteen NS on Wed 30th June. Go néirí libh go léir.

Miriam Smyth will take up the position of principal of Parteen NS in the autumn. She paid a visit to the staff on Mon 28th June and she is very excited about her new post. We look forward to welcoming her in Sept.

A final note:

During the months of summer holidays take time to have fun, to rest and relax and to share with others. Keep safe and mind each other!!!

The staff of Parteen NS.