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2022 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to our school over the past 12 months. Below are some news items to take note of. Please be aware that we are finishing this Thursday at 12pm and will not return until Wednesday the 31st of August.

Classes for next year: Teachers have been allocated to the following classes for September. Junior Infants: Mrs O'Meara, Senior Infants: Ms O'Grady, 1st Class: Ms Martin, 2nd Class: Miss Hogan: 3rd Class: Mr Shanagher, 4th Class: Mr Ryan, 5th Class: Mr Murray, 6th Class: TBD. Special Education Teachers: Mrs O'Sullivan, Mrs Tierney, Ms Beary, Ms Gallagher, Ms White and one additional position which will be decided during the summer holidays. ASD Special Class: Ms Lynch. Special Needs Assistants: Bernadette Carr, Ciara O'Dwyer, Miriam O'Sullivan, Irene McCarthy and Niamh Meehan with further positions to be finalised.

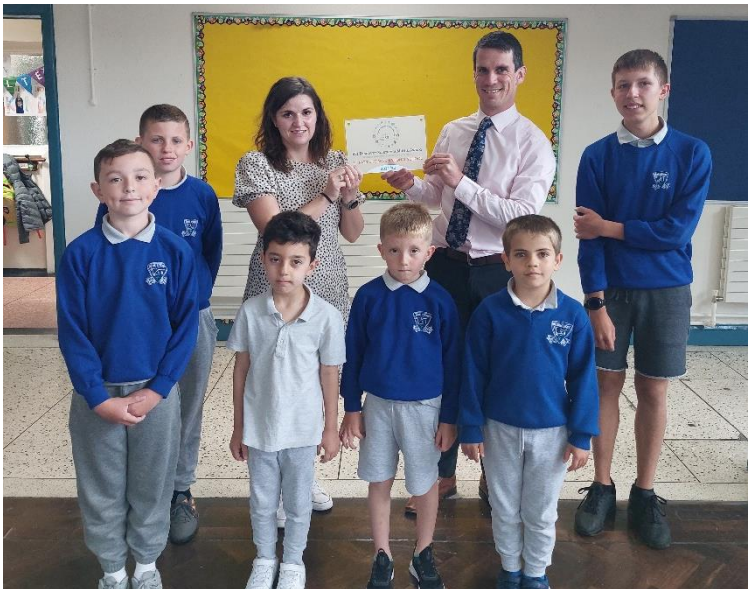
School reports: Your child's school report was issued via Aladdin Connect last week. If you did not receive your report, please contact the school immediately. Booklists and the school calendar were also handed out and are available on our website.

Book Rental: Please pay the book rental fee that has been issued to you via the Aladdin Connect System. We will also accept cash in limited circumstances. Fees are listed in your booklist. If you have any queries, please contact Mr Ryan during the week.

Analogue Robotics Competition: Huge congratulations to Bruno, Fionn and Odhran for winning first prize at the Analogue Devices Robotics competition held two weeks ago. They were tasked with designing and making a robot out of materials provided within a certain timeframe. It was an absolutely tremendous achievement and one we are all very proud of. Many thanks to Mrs Tierney for first of all arranging the purchase of our own robotics set earlier this year but also for tutoring the boys for the last number of weeks.

Fionn, Bruno and Odhran celebrating their success with Mrs Tierney

Discovery Primary Science: We are delighted to announce that we have once again been successful in our Discovery Primary Science and Maths Awards application for recognition of our work in the area of Science and Maths. Thanks to Miss O'Grady for spearheading the application. Our submission can be viewed by clicking here.



Discover Primary Science & Maths award with Ms O'Grady and boys from seniors, 2nd and 6th classes

School Garden: The school vegetable patch has really progressed over the past few months with all the plants thriving under the care and attention of our third class boys. We really look forward to a wonderful harvest come September!

The Student Council: In this term the Student Council were busy with an Anti- Litter Campaign. Niall Chambers and Aaron Massey interviewed David O Dwyer – our caretaker to get his advice on how to reduce litter in our school. The six members of the Student Council called to each class and spoke to the pupils about the importance of recycling and reducing litter in the school. They ran a very successful poster competition and after a lot of discussions they picked the following winners: Jan Makowiecki, Farooq Muniru, Odhran Yanto, Adam Hinchy and Neddy O Donoghue. The Student Council were as follows. Seán O Brien, Mahammad Barry, Alex Eagan, Aaron Cowhey, Niall Chambers & Aaron Massey. Many thanks to Mrs O'Sullivan and all the boys for their hard work during the year.

Biodiversity: Geoff Hunt, a biodiversity expert with heritage schools Ireland, has worked with all classes this term developing their awareness of all things nature in our local environment. Infants focused on water birds, 1st class on wildflowers, 2nd class on trees, 3rd class on minibeasts and 5th and 6th classes went pond dipping at the canal and again discovered a multitude of flies and insects living in this habitat. The children were fascinated and learned so much about the local environment. We look forward to having Geoff back with us next year.

Sacraments: Congratulations to all of our 2nd and 6th class boys who received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively this term. They are both very special occasions in our school calendar and we could not be more proud of all of the boys. Many thanks to Ms Hogan and Ms Ní Cheallaigh for preparing them so well.

ASD Special Class: We are delighted to say that our ASD special class will be opening at the end of August. A new prefab will be located to the right of the bike shed. We are very pleased that we have added this new dimension to our school and look forward to getting started in August. We will be using the prefab while the main extension to the school is completed. This will take approximately two years at which point we will open a second special class. Each class will cater for six pupils.

Sports Day: We had a very successful fun sports day on Wednesday 22nd of June. It was a fantastic occasion and all pupils from juniors to 6th were kept active all day long. We had fun relay races, egg and spoon races and sack races along with a variety of other fun activities. It was great to see all the pupils out and being so active throughout the whole day. Many thanks to Mr Ryan for coordinating.

Plassey athletics participants with Mr Shanagher

School Choir: This has been the first year of our school choir and they have certainly treated us to many memorable moments since they started. From the beautiful singing at St Patrick's Well, to the retirement ceremony for our former school warden, they have done nothing but entertain us. We really look forward to hearing more from them next year. Many thanks to Ms Beary for her guidance.

School choir pictured with Limerick hurler, Dan Morrissey and Ms Beary

Sports: Well done to all of the boys who participated in the variety of sporting activities that took place over the summer term. We had gaelic football, hurling, basketball and athletics practice after school and each team participated in a number of games and events. We had a wonderful day in U.L. for the county athletics day, with a number of boys winning their races. Many thanks to all of the teachers for helping with preparing the teams. We encourage all boys to get involved with local sporting organisations. Details of some of these can be found on our website.

Creative Schools: Many thanks to all parents for your support of our creative schools' project. It has been fantastic to hear children play the tin whistle and ukulele during the year and we look forward to more of

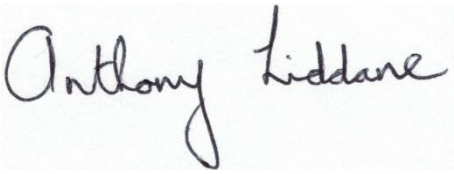
the same next year. Thanks to Mrs O'Meara for coordinating the project, which is being run with our neighbouring schools.

Bike Week: This is the first year that we have permitted boys in 5th and 6th classes to cycle to school. It has been great to see more and more boys start cycling in recent weeks. We welcomed Chris Butcher of Evolution Cycles in Murroe to the school for Bike Week. He completed some really good work with the boys on bike maintenance. Many thanks to Ms Hogan who is coordinating our travel flag application to Green Schools Ireland and we look forward to another flag in the near future!

6th Class Graduation: We wish our 6th class every success and happiness in their studies in Secondary School and their futures. With them, we also say goodbye to their families that we have worked closely with over the years. We thank you for your cooperation and wish you all of the best.

6th class with their new hoodies

Yours sincerely,



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