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June 2021 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 10 months. It hasn't been an easy year in many ways but thankfully we have overcome many of the obstacles and look forward to brighter and safer new school year. Below are some news items that I want you to take note of.

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: TBD: 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 Lynch, Ms White and Miss Gallagher. Special Needs Assistants: Bernadette Carr, Ciara O'Dwyer, Miriam O'Sullivan, Irene McCarthy and Niamh Meehan. We say good bye to Ms Williams and Ms Kingston who will be leaving our staff and wish them well in their futures.

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 our website.

Aladdin Connect: Aladdin Connect will be the primary means of electronic communication between you and your child's teacher next year. Please ensure that you have downloaded the app and have verified your number. Class Dojo messaging will cease as this will all be done via Aladdin from September. Please ensure that you explore the app and familiarise yourself with the many features that it has.

Book Rental: The school's book rental scheme is now in its 9th year and remains an extremely beneficial scheme for parents. Up to 7 books can be rented using the scheme for a total of €25. We have almost full participation from 3rd to 6th. We have also extended the scheme into Juniors to 2nd class on a smaller scale. Many thanks to all who returned their rental fee in a timely manner. It must be said that this scheme would not be possible to run without the dedicated staff who spend hours covering and cleaning over 700 books. Many thanks.

Attendance: Congratulations to the following boys who have not missed a day since September: Juniors: Daniel Jedinak, Seniors: Adam Maliszewski, First Class: Zixuan Cai, Second Class: Adrian Jedinak and Aaron Czuba O'Reilly, Third Class: Niall Chambers, Fourth Class: Zijian Cai and Jialie Ruan. What a great achievement in spite of all the difficulties. Well done boys!

Discovery Primary Science: We are delighted to announce that we have once again made an application to the Discovery Primary Science and Maths Awards for recognition of 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](#).

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 and our SNA Niamh Meehan. We really look forward to a wonderful harvest come September!



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. Juniors to second class went on mini-beast hunts and discovered the many different types of trees in our school environment. 3rd to 6th classes went pond dipping on the canal bank and again discovered the multitude of flies and insects living in this habitat. The children learned so much about our local environment and we look forward to having Geoff back with us next year.

ASD Special Class: The school has made an application to the Department of Education to open two ASD special classes in the 2022/2023 school year. Opening of the classes will depend on funding being granted by the Department. We see this as a wonderful opportunity to increase our ability to cater for the many different needs that exist in our community and look forward to being able to provide for children who initially may not be suitable for the mainstream classes. Updates on the application will be provided in September.

Covid-19: We would like to thank you for your support in implementing public health measures in the school over the past ten months. It is anticipated that most of the current arrangements in our existing covid-19 response plan will remain in place when we return to school in September. We appreciate your diligence in keeping your children at home when necessary and collecting them from school when called. It is greatly appreciated.

Sacraments: We wish our 2nd and 6th class boys all of the best when they received the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively in three weeks' time. The First Holy Communion will take place on the 10th of July at 12pm while the Confirmation will take place the following day at 2pm.



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.

Sports Day: We had a separate sports day this year but no less enjoyable for the pupils. We were delighted to see our pupils so active and having wonderful fun. We encourage you to



ensure your children are participating in sports clubs and/or getting appropriate levels of activities. Check out the community page on our website for details of some clubs in the [locality](#).

Please remember that if you wish to keep up to date with news in the school, keep an eye on our Twitter Page, @StPatrickbnslk or on our website www.stpatricksboysns.com.

Finally, the school closes on Thursday the 24th June at 12.00pm for our summer break and will reopen on Wednesday the 1st of September 2021.

Wishing you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Liddane and staff

