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June 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to take this opportunity to thank all those associated with the school for their support and commitment. We have had another successful term, with a number of important achievements by students, teachers and parents alike. Please read the following carefully

Discovery Primary Science: We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application for the Discovery Primary Science and Maths awards once more. A lot of effort from pupils and staff went into the application process and thankfully their work has paid off. Thanks to Miss O'Grady for spearheading the application.

Summer Fete: We had an enjoyable fun day last Thursday in the school despite the unreliable weather. Many thanks to all who helped in organising the day. Along with the fun day, our Parents' Association organised a fantastic BBQ. Together with beautiful food, bouncy castles and fun races we had a great day. Thanks to Jackie



McCarthy and her team for providing the catering and to all parents who assisted in any way. On a similar note, I would like to sincerely thank all of the parents in our school who have contributed to a variety of events during the year including a cake sale, the selling of shamrock, hosting our First Communion children and again the Summer Fete. It is greatly appreciated.

Classes for next year: Teachers have been allocated to the following classes for September. Junior Infants: TBD, Senior Infants: Miss O'Grady, 1st Class: Mr Murray, 2nd Class: Mr Ryan 3rd Class: Miss White, 4th Class: Miss Lynch, 5th Class: TBD, 6th Class: Mr Shanagher. Special Education Teachers: Mrs O'Sullivan, Miss Martin, Miss Gallagher, Mrs Tierney, Ms Beary and Mrs Power. Special Needs Assistants: Bernadette Carr, Ciara O'Dwyer, Miriam O'Sullivan, Irene McCarthy and Niamh Meehan. We say good bye to Ms Scanlan after three years with us and wish her well in her future career. Miss Dillane will also be leaving us temporarily next year. We wish her all the best in her travels and also on her wedding day next month!



Sports stars: Well done to all of the boys who received medals earlier this week for their achievements in both the UL athletics and fun day races. Regardless of winning, it was great to see everyone competing in such a spirited way. Congratulations to Darragh Carey in 6th and Eamon Doyle in 5th who won senior and junior sports stars respectively.

School reports: Your child's school report and booklist have been handed out. If you did not receive your report, will you please contact the school immediately as it contains your child's booklist and next year's calendar.

Book Rental: The school's book rental scheme is now in its 7th 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 every June. Many thanks.

Speech and Drama: Speech and Drama classes have been very successful in the school over the past term. We have a full class for 1st to 6th class boys and are delighted to say that it will be continuing into the new school year. We will be looking to create a class for our Junior and Senior infants from September. For more information, please contact us in the new school year.

Mobile Library: The mobile library from the Granary has continued to provide an excellent service to the boys this year, offering a wide choice in books to satisfy every taste. We thank everyone for minding the books so carefully and returning them in perfect order.

Attendance: Congratulations to the following boys who have not missed a day since September: Seniors: Aaron Czuba O'Reilly, Kevin Kofi Nkansah, Second class: William Mulligan, Zijian Aaron Cai, Jasiu Kraski, JiaJia Ruan, 5th class: Adam Ryan, 6th Class: Ben Mortell. All of these boys were presented with book vouchers for their excellent attendance.

School Self-Evaluation: Over the past 6 months we have been implementing the initial stages of our school improvement plan which focused on the area of improving our pupils' abilities in problem solving and their understanding of maths language. A few key actions included:

- Wednesday's lesson to be dedicated to problem solving
- Teach 5 problem solving strategies per year while using the RUDS acronym, (**R**ead, **U**nderline, **D**ecide on a strategy, **S**olve)
- A Maths word wall and dictionary to be created in each class

Our 2 targets were to 1) improve attitudes towards maths by 3% and 2) improve our problem solving attainments on our standardised testing by 3%. We are pleased to say that results from our recent assessments and surveys indicate that we have achieved both targets for the year. We look forward to continuing this work into the new year and thank you for your support and contribution to this project.

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.

Please remember that if you wish to keep up to date with news in the school, keep an eye on our Facebook Page, St Patrick's Boys' NS or on our website www.stpatricksboysns.com.

Finally, the school closes on Friday the 28th June at 12.00pm for our summer break and will reopen on Thursday the 29th of August 2019.

Wishing you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Liddane and staff