



## End of Year Newsletter

**Emergency Works and Building Works:** The Department has approved our application for the Emergency works on the roof over the 5th/6th and Juniors and seniors room. These works will be starting in the coming weeks and will be completed for the new academic year. The Board of Management has approved the replacing of the two main entrance doors in the school as well as the entrance door beside the infant classroom. This will be completed during the summer months.

**Graduation:** We celebrated 6th class Graduation on Wednesday 19th of June with mass in the church at 11:30. Thank you to Ms. Keen, Helen and Liz and all the staff for their work in organising the Graduation events. We would like to wish the students leaving us the very best of luck in Secondary school and thank them for their wonderful contributions to school while they were here.

**School Finals:** The school qualified for the Camogie and Hurling finals in late May. This was a fantastic achievement and I would like to thank Ms. O'Gorman for her work in training the teams. We managed to win the boys final and unfortunately lost the girls final.

**Primary Game:** Emma O'Brien represented the school in the Primary Game against Tipperary on May 19th. Well done Emma on a fantastic achievement.

**Open Day:** We held our Open evening on May 8th in the school. Thank you to all the staff, students and Parents Association for their help on what was an enjoyable evening.

**School Tours:** We went on our school tours on Friday May 31st. Juniors-2nd class attended the Active Kingdom in Tralee and the 3rd-6th class went to Ballyhass Lakes

**Gael Bhratach:** Ms. Keen and members of the committee attended an award ceremony on the 11th June for their flag awarding. Well done to everyone involved for their fantastic effort throughout the year

**Active Week:** We hosted Active week from June 10th to 14th and had a fantastic time with all the variety of events offered. Thank you to Ms. O'Gorman for her fantastic organisation of the events for the week and to the Parents Association for their support of the week.

**School Fundraiser:** We hosted a fundraising event with the help of the Parent's Association on Tuesday 18th of June. The aim was to complete as many marathons as possible between 9:30 am and 12pm. We managed to complete 289 km which was just over 6 marathons. Thank you to everyone for their fantastic support. We managed to raise €693 which will be used to try and offset the costs of buses for swimming in the coming year.

**Appointments:** We are delighted to announce that Ms. O'Gorman has taken up the permanent teaching position in the school that became available following the retirement of Ms. Thompson. The Board of Management are also delighted to announce that Ms. Barry and Ms. Connaughton have been reappointed to their roles following interviews last week.

**Free Book Scheme:** We were awarded the sum of €80 per pupil for the provision of the Free Book Scheme this year. The children will have all their school books, work books and copies provided for them for the coming year. We ask that parents provide stationary for their children.

### **Curriculum/CPD/Policies:**

We have completed our Sustained support work with Oide on the primary language curriculum.

We will be applying for sustained support again next year in the areas of PE and Digital teaching.

The School has reviewed their Child Protection and Anti-Bullying procedures and these are available on the school website.

**Ms. Thompson Cup:** We played the inaugural Ms. Thompson cup during the last week of school. We played a soccer tournament this year and all the whole school participated. Congrats to the Orange team on their fantastic win in the final and a huge thank you to Ms.O’Gorman for her organisation of a brilliant event.

**Standardised tests:** We have completed our school standardised tests in the area of Maths and English. I would like to complement the students for their excellent performance and also thank the teachers for the fantastic quality of their teaching throughout the year.

**SNA allocation:** Our SNA allocation for the coming year will remain the same as it is currently. That means we have an allocation of 2.83 which means 2 full time SNA’s and one SNA doing an infant day.

**First Communion:** Our 2nd class children celebrated their First Communion on Saturday May 18th. Thank you to Ms. O’Gorman for her fantastic work in preparing the class. Thank you to Helen, Grainne and Liz for their help also. I would also like to thank the parents of the 1st class children for organising the hosting in the school after the ceremony.

**GAA coaching:** The School, Camogie and Juvenile GAA clubs all combined to pay for 6 coaching sessions in May and June. These were done by Thomas Curran and I would like to thank Thomas for his work during the sessions.

**City Sports:** The school participated in the City Sports on May 30th in MTU in Cork. They all did fantastically well and deserve great credit for their performance. Special mention to Pippa O’Connell who won an overall county championship in her age category.

**Hot School Meals:** We are applying for the Hot School Meals again for the coming year. We will be submitting this application during the summer and hopefully we will be successful with this.

**Classroom Allocation 24/25:**

Juniors/Senior- Ms. Tighe

1st/2nd -Ms.O’Gorman

3rd/4th - Mr. O’Flynn

5th/6th - Ms. Keen

SET- Ms. Healy and Ms. Deady Job sharing, Ms. Barry

Principal Release Teacher- Ms. Connaughton

SNA’s- Helen O’Leary, Sarah Carroll, Margaret Browne

**Upcoming Events:**

**Return to School - Wednesday August 28th**

**Swimming Lessons 1st to 6th class - Beginning in September**

**French Lessons- Beginning in September**

**Gymnastic Lessons - Beginning in after the Midterm break**

Finally I would like to thank everyone for their support of me and the staff during the school year. I hope you all have a lovely summer and I'm looking forward to working with you again in the coming academic year.

*Mr. Daniel O’Flynn*