



11/05/2023

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of second class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday last. Aoife O Sullivan, Aria Riordan, Clodagh Rahilly, Conor Casey, Doireann O Sullivan, Lauren Moynihan, Máire Murphy, Sharon Nolan, Sophie Hickey, Teagan Rahilly, Tiarnan O Connell, and Tyler Twomey.

Lee Strand Tokens

The school needs another **300 tokens** to qualify for free school journals. So please keep collecting the tokens from Lee Strand Milk cartons and bring them into school.

New Book Scheme

The Department of Education are granting €96.00 per child to the school to buy/cover books and copies. Children will need to buy stationary including colours, pencils, folders etc. Arts Crafts / Photocopying and online subscriptions will be charged separately.

New infants (September)

Infants who will begin school in September will have an enrolment evening on Tuesday 6th June from 2pm to 3pm.

School Tour

All children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class school will go to The Coral Leisure Centre in Killarney on 9th June. There will be ice breakers, inflatables, and pool activities. The children will enjoy a hot meal from Supermacs at the end of the day.

Millstreet Athletics

This will take place on 12th June. All children will travel by bus to Millstreet.

Tag Rugby

A blitz will take place in Kanturk. Children from 4th to 6th class will travel by bus on the day. Date to be confirmed.

Graduation / End of Year Mass

End of Year mass and graduation ceremony will take place on **14th June at 11.30am**

Eoin O Sullivan 16th June

Sliabh Luachra's local musicians including Eoin O Sullivan will put on a concert in the school including traditional music from Sliabh Luachra.

Seán Kelleher

Seán Kelleher swimming instructor from Ballyvourney will visit the school to talk with all students on the subject of water safety.

Edel Carey

Edel Carey from The Irish Wheelchair Association will visit the school in June.

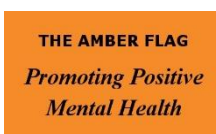


Green Flag News

The Green Flag Committee have been very busy over the last few months conducting an Environmental Review to assess the initial situation within the school regarding water and to identify areas for improvement. Various members of the committee have calculated water usage by reading the water meter on a daily/weekly basis, they have investigated areas that have the greatest potential for wastage of water and conducted leak tests. We have a 'Water squad' who regularly ensure taps are being turned off and report any leaking or dripping taps, toilets etc

Children from First to Sixth class took part in the Green School Irish Water poster competition where they illustrated the theme: "Local Water Actions for Global Change". They also participated in a "Walk for Water" around the Fairfield on March 23rd to mark World Water Day. It was completed in solidarity with women and children in other parts of the world who must regularly walk up to six miles a day to fetch water for their families.

Children in all classes are learning about the theme of water through a variety of curricular work going on in school. A questionnaire has been compiled which will be send to all parents soon to investigate the amount of water being used in our homes on a regular basis. The committee then plan to follow that up with a leaflet containing information tips for all families!



Amber flag

Our Amber Flag Committee recently met to discuss our plans for Active and Wellbeing week. We organised a lovely picnic for all the school in the Fairfield which everyone really enjoyed. After our classes had their PE sessions with Ellen the Amber Flag members went into each classroom and gave each child a little treat saying 'have a break, have a KitKat' because life is all about balance! We are looking forward to painting positive quotes with our buddies and creating a positive patch outside the front of our school

Active Flag



It has been an extremely busy time for the Active Flag committee. Boys and girls participated in the Sciath na Scoil blitz. Both teams gave upper performances and the boys team qualified for the final. The school also participated in Active School week from 25/04/2023 to 28/04/2023. A huge thank you to Ellen O Connor who organised different activities for each classroom, they all had brilliant fun and thoroughly enjoyed their time away from the classroom.

Football

The boys won the final against Kiskeam in an inspiring match. Well done to all. Special word of thanks goes to Donal Dunlea & our teacher Mr. Doyle.

School Garden

Thanks to Karl O Connell for assembling crates to make some flower beds for our school garden. Martin from the Garden Centre in Ballyvourne visited our school and did some planting with the classes. Martin explained about the different types of flowers and when they will bloom throughout the school year. The flowerbeds are looking lovely! Thanks Martin. The children are taking turns watering the flowers each day and looking after the garden.

We also want to thank the Fairfield Group for looking after the flowers across from the school.

After School Childcare/Homework club

We will have an after school service in the school after the holidays. This will be run by Lisa Riordan from Lisa's Little Lions. Lisa will be taking registrations for this in September. The service will run from 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday during term time.

Parents Association

The Parents Association wish to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the very successful Easter raffle which was held in the school on Friday 31st of March. The raffle proved to be fantastic fundraiser for the school with monies raised coming to a total of €9,492. This will be used to fund for the supply and installation of a sensory room among other things in Knocknagree N.S. Thanks very much to all those who provided such generous sponsorship for the raffle and to everyone who purchased tickets. All children enjoyed an Easter egg on the day!

We are grateful to everyone who supported our clothes collection last February. €1,000 was raised from this initiative. It is our plan to organise another clothes collection this coming September!!!

Congratulations to the twelve children who received their First Holy Communion on Sat 6th of May- we hope you enjoyed your celebratory balloon and treat bag.

Please get involved! Parental input is always welcome and we are happy to hear any ideas and suggestions you would like us to explore.