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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of second class who received their First Holy communion on Saturday 25th April. Sadie Collins, Aaron Dennehy, Mary Casey, Skye Rose Keane, Liadh Murphy, Róise Murphy, Keelan O Connell and Jack Dillane.

Lee Strand Tokens.

The school will continue to collect Lee Strand tokens. This enables children to get free homework journals.

Book Scheme

The Department of Education are funding schools to purchase school books for the children. **This grant is only for the purchase of books. Children will need to buy stationary including glues, whiteboard markers, colours, pencils, folders etc.** Your child's stationary list and calendar for next year is attached.

Arts crafts/photocopying and online subscriptions will be charged separately.

New infants

There will be an open day for infants who are due to start school this September from 2.15pm to 3pm on Friday 12th June.

School Tour

Children from Junior infants and senior infants will go to The Nature Hub at The Gap of Dunloe. Children from 1st class to 6th class travel to West Cork Secrets on the same day Friday 29th May.

Millstreet Athletics

This will take place on 15th June. All children from 4th to 6th classes will go by bus. Two pupils from each of the younger classes will also travel to the event.

Graduation / End of year ceremony.

End of year ceremony and graduation will take place in the hall on 17th June at 11.30am

Radio Kerry

Following our victory in the Jessie Buckley competition, Radio Kerry are to visit to present the cheque on 4th June.

Jer Brick

Jer Brick will give internet safety workshop to children from 3rd to 6th class on 9th June, that evening he will deliver a webinar for parents. It would be great if all parents can attend as this is such an important information webinar.

Uniform

We will continue to wear zip top, crested polo and plain navy joggers in September. As some pupils prefer to wear shorts during the year, plain navy hunter shorts will be part of the uniform and available to buy from O'Keeffe's in Ballydesmond. Only plain navy shorts will be allowed from August 2026. Brands such as O'Neills/Nike shorts etc. will not be allowed going forward.

July Provision

Following the success of our summer programme 2025, we are running it again this year from 29th June to 10th July. The children will get the opportunity to engage in fun learning activities and workshops etc. The theme is building confidence and connections.

Gaelbhratach

The Gaelbhratach committee had a busy Seachtain na Gaeilge in March. They listened out for children speaking Gaeilge on the yard at lunchtime and all names were entered in to a raffle for Easter Eggs. We played games in Irish, learned Amhrán na bhFiann, had a Céilí in the Halla and a Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz.) They welcomed children to school on our Lá Glas and we played Irish music throughout the day on speakers. Bhí an spraoi againn ar scoil. There was also great school community involvement with Irish phrases shared by Ms.Doolan on Instagram each day. We are looking forward to a trip to Baile Mhúirne on June 5th to experience life in a Gaeltacht area. We will get a historical tour of the area, swim in the open air pool in Coolea and use our Gaeilge along the way. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis. Thanks to Nicola for organising the trip and to the committee for all their hard work this year. Maith sibh! We were awarded a certificate for our work this year. It is a two-year programme so we hope to be awarded a flag next year.



Curious Minds

This year, our school proudly applied for the Gold Award as part of the *Curious Minds Initiative*, recognising our continued commitment to STEM learning across the school.

Throughout the year, children participated in a wide range of engaging STEM activities including coding on the Scratch platform, creating digital surveys on the classroom screen, and taking part in Lego workshops and engineering workshops with professional engineers.

Pupils also enjoyed Science Week and Space Week activities, video and PowerPoint creations, and using digital platforms for interactive games and quizzes.

These experiences helped to develop creativity, collaboration, problem-solving and digital skills while making learning enjoyable and engaging for all pupils.