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Dear Parents,

STRICTLY COME DANCING

What a fantastic night was had by all on the 8th of October last. Huge thank you to all involved especially our parents' association who raised a massive €47,000 for our school

The boys and girls in 5th and 6th class have been busy preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They travelled to the Nano Nagle Centre in Mallow for a Confirmation retreat on the 26th of November. A big thank you to Fr Pat and the Parish office for organizing.

As part of the 'Say Yes to Languages' initiative, 5th and 6th class have been learning Spanish. Ms. Maria Martinez has been teaching the lessons. The boys and girls are really enjoyed learning the language and will engage in 10 lessons in total.

CHRISTMAS OUTING

Pupils from 1st to 6th class will travel to the Everyman on the 10th of December to see Cinderella. Pupils in Junior and Senior Infants will travel to the Kerry Museum to visit Santa Clause on the 12th of December. The cost is €10 per child. These trips are heavily subsidised by our fantastic parents' association who are giving us €1722 towards the trips bringing the cost down to €10 per child.

Weather permitting, our Christmas mass will take place on the 18th of December @9:30am in the church. The boys and girls will sing and play a selection of Xmas songs following the mass.



LOTTO

Thanks to everyone who is supporting our lotto fundraiser. You are making a real difference and we really appreciate your support.

Some exciting news, every line in our fundraiser on Thursday 18th December, you will have a chance to win the jackpot and have a free chance to win one of the best Christmas Giveaway Competition prizes. This nationwide competition is open to all supporters who have a ticket. The prizes are A Disneyland Paris €5000

CURIOUS MINDS

We celebrated Maths Week in October. The children took part in lots of extra fun maths activities during the week. We collaborated with the Green Schools Committee to celebrate "Walk to School Week" so we had a whole school maths trail around the village which the children really enjoyed. We also held a "Maths Mascot" Art competition and we had 4 winners- Dave Division, Multi Multiplication, Maths Tiger and the shapes couple- Penny the Pentagon & Sammy the Square.

We celebrated Space Week in October too. All classes carried out some fun Space Week activities.

We celebrated Science Week in November. It was a busy week filled with lots of science experiments and we took part in the Curious Minds Science Week virtual show too.

Have a look at some of our reels on Instagram to see all the fun we got up to during Maths, Space and Science Week.

GREEN FLAG



Our Green Flag committee this year continues with previous members Kristiana Murphy, Muireann O' Connor, Alana Hickey, Jack O' Halloran, Zack Linehan, Tiarnan O' Connell, Tyler Twomey, Mary Jane Murphy, Grace Donnelly and Donnacha Rahilly. We were delighted in October to welcome some new members: Maeve O' Connell, Mary Casey and Jack Dillane to help us with our work on the theme of 'Travel' for the year ahead. October was a busy month for the committee as they organised activities for 'Walk to School week' and 'Climate Action week' which took place from the 13th to the 17th. Some of the activities included curricular work such as Art and Geography lessons around the theme of travel, completing a Traffic survey and singing songs to promote healthy walking, visits to a local polytunnel to pick lots of homegrown vegetables and to an orchard to pick apples. All classes also planted seeds and collected fallen Autumn leaves to create a 'Whole School Tree Mural'. Everyone enjoyed a healthy walk to the church while working in groups completing various maths activities. The highlight of the month however was our 'Halloween Walk' to the Village Sensory Garden and

holding a 'Fashion parade'. Our 'Witchy Walk' even got a mention on the **"greenschools_travel"** Instagram page



In November the Committee organised a few activities to mark 'Clean Air Week' which took place from the 17th to the 21st. Activities included all classes learning about car engines idling and associated health risks, 'Idling' word searches and colouring sheets. All families were then invited to sign a pledge to stop car idling whenever possible and there was a great response to this initiative. 5th and 6th class participated in a Green School's 'Lung Art' Competition.



Finally, for now, all classes brainstormed ideas for a Green Code on the theme of Travel and the teachers then selected the winning code which had been composed by 3rd and 4th class. We look forward to sharing this code on our Instagram page very soon.

AMBER FLAG

Well done to all the boys and girls that participated in the Odd sock's day. This day showcased that we are all unique. This day was a lovely way to finish off Anti-bullying week. As part of the amber flag we will be setting up a student council. We look forward to hearing our student's voices. Over the next few weeks pupils will learn about the role of a student council and committee members will be elected. Exiting times ahead!



Gaelbh Rathach

All the school has been busy over the past few months using their Irish. Our Gaelbh Rathach committee helped to teach new phrases and we will be learning lots of phrases for an Nollaig.(Christmas) over the next few weeks. We went on a Siúlóid Scanrúil (spooky walk) for Oíche Shamhna (Halloween) which was lots of fun and sang songs in Irish in The Fairfield. The committee will meet this week to plan some fun games for Christmas.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will begin on Friday 17th and will continue for six Fridays until Friday 22nd May. More information will follow nearer the time.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

We will have a box in our school until 3rd December where the children can bring in food items for St. Vincent de Paul collection. The following is a list of acceptable items. (Please ensure all food items are non-perishable) tea, sugar, breakfast cereal, jam, marmalade, drinking chocolate, cocoa, soup(tinned or packet) pasta, rice, ketchup, sauces, jelly, custard, cornflour, bisto tinned fruit/vegetables, tinned fish, beans, soft/diluted drinks, Christmas cake/pudding, selection boxes, chocolate, mince pies, crisps, popcorn, sweets. Non-food items kitchen paper, toilet paper, toothbrushes, soap washing powder, washing up liquid.

School will close on Friday 19th December at midday.

Wishing everyone a very happy and peaceful Christmas, looking forward to seeing everyone healthy and well on 5th January.