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School Newsletter - March 2024

EASTER HOLIDAYS

This year, the school will close on Friday, 22nd March at 3.00pm for Easter Holidays. On that day we will also have a small raffle for the children. If they wish to be included in the raffle children can bring in €1.00 to take part. School will reopen after Easter on Monday, 8th April 2024.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to those families who have contributed this year. This €50 per family goes towards making up the shortfall in school as grant aid given to the school from the Department of Education is not sufficient to cover basic costs. If you wish to receive a receipt from the office, please contact the school.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

To try and offset the cost of the school tour later this year, we will be having a used clothing collection on 19th of April (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains etc. Soft toys are also accepted.) Duvets, pillows or cushions are not taken. Bags of clothing can be dropped off at the school from April 15th onwards. All money raised from the clothing collection will be allocated to the tour fund and this will reduce the cost of the tour for each child. Information on school tours will follow after the Easter break.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

- Children in 5th/6th Class will attend a Confirmation Retreat in Ballintubber Abbey on April 22nd. This will cost €20 per child. This covers the bus (€10 per child) and the retreat (€10 per child).
- Children in 2nd Class will attend a Communion Retreat in Ballintubber Abbey on April 23rd. This will cost €20 per child. This covers the bus (€10 per child) and the retreat (€10 per child). The First Confession will take place after the Easter break. Once this date is confirmed, it will be communicated to parents.

Further information on the Retreats will also follow for the relevant classes.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Scór na bPáistí: The Scór na bPáistí South Mayo County Final took place in Claremorris Town Hall in February. Mayo Abbey NS was represented by Emma in the Amhránaíocht Aonair/Solo Singing category. Her rendition of 'The Black Velvet Band' on the night was second to none and she progressed to the County Final. This took place in Tooreen Hall on March 9th. Although not a prizewinner this time, Emma's singing style and stage presence was noted by the adjudicators! Amhránaíocht iontach Emma!

Blitzchomórtas Gaeil Mhuigh Eo: To celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mayo Gaels GAA, in partnership with Glór na nGael, kindly invited fifth and sixth class students to take part in a football blitz on the 1st of March. Due to the snow on the morning of the event, the children took part in an exciting Tráth na gCeist and followed up with some football games in Abbey Park. Comhghairdeachas le Henry, an páiste a bhuaigh gradam Gaeilge ar an lá. Bhain na páistí an-taitneamh as an lá. Buíochas le Gaeil Mhaigh Eo.



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Credit Union Quiz: The school was paid a visit from Laura from the Credit Union in Claremorris who presented Grace, Jack, Liam and Philip with a prize following the Credit Union Quiz. The junior team had placed 3rd in the night and were delighted to receive their award. Maith sibh!

RSA Visit: Karen Kane, from the Road Safety Authority, visited the school on February 12th and gave a presentation about road safety to all children. The children enjoyed the interesting and informative presentation.

Gymnastics: Junior and Senior Infants will attend Gymnastics lessons in Castlebar beginning April 12th. This will be for 6 weeks and will cost €13 per child per week. This covers the bus (€7.00 per child) and lessons (€6.00 per child).

'Say Yes to Languages' Programme: The children in 3rd - 6th class will take part in a 'Say Yes to Languages' Primary Sampler Module. This module facilitates participating primary schools to introduce a Modern Foreign Language or Irish Sign Language (ISL) to their 3rd to 6th class pupils. The aims of the module are to generate awareness among pupils of the range of languages used in society and to encourage uptake of languages at post-primary level. This year in Mayo Abbey, the pupils in 3rd to 6th class will have the opportunity to try out Spanish for 8 weeks in the summer term.

MS Readathon: Many thanks to Isabelle, Rachel, Emma, Emma, Grace, Eoin, Lauren, Liam, Malachy, Sadhbh, Amy and their families who took part in the MS Readathon in November 2023. For their fundraising efforts, they received certificates for their contribution to this wonderful cause. Well done to all!

Enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to a busy summer term ahead with lots of activities planned!

Reminders:

- **Walking to and from School:** Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing the road. It is important to regularly remind your children at home about the rules of the road. For their own safety children are also asked not to climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home. Public footpaths should be used at all times. Once children leave school grounds the school is no longer responsible for their safety.
- **Appointments with Teachers:** If for any reason parents need to speak to a teacher during the school day please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.
- **Opening Times:** The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. Children should not be on school grounds before 9.10am and the Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com