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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2024

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

There was a Board of Management meeting on Tuesday, 8th October. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted up on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

SCHOOL NEWS / ACTIVITIES

- **Cross Country:** The South Mayo Cross Country Schools Competition took place on Sept 19th at Ballinrobe racecourse. Children from 1st to 6th attended. Congratulations to Freya, Emma, Ava, Cathal, Hugh, Jack, Philip and Henry who all placed on the day. Hugh, Jack, Philip and Henry all qualified for the county final which was held in Ballina and after a good race in Belleek, Hugh, Philip and Henry once again qualified for the next round. The Connacht National Schools Cross Country Championships are taking place on Saturday, October 12th next. Congratulations to all the participants this year!
- We wish Hugh, Philip and Henry the very best of luck in Mohill on Saturday. Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh!
- **Cuman na nBunscol:** The Mini-7's football competition was held in the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence in Bekan on October 2nd. Children from 3rd to 6th attended and they had some exciting games on what was an enjoyable day out. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part on the day!
- **Primary School Gaelic Football Blitz:** Balla Secondary School Transition Year students hosted a 6th class local Primary School GAA Blitz on October 3rd at their training grounds. The children had the opportunity for students to get to know others from local schools in an effort to facilitate the transition period for those who will attend next September.
- **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal:** We will be participating in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. Information leaflets have been sent home today also. Please return the shoeboxes by Monday, October 21st.
- **MS Readathon:** We are again taking part in the READATHON initiative (All classes) in November and December. This is a voluntary activity and all monies raised through sponsorship go to MS IRELAND. We would encourage all children to take part and read regardless of whether they collect sponsorship or not.
- We wished Katy Delaney well on her 103rd birthday. Some children in 6th class delivered a card and a small gift on behalf of everyone in the school.
- **County Photos** were in the school on October 4th. The proof cards were sent home today with the children. If ordering through the school, please return orders by Monday, October 21st.

NEW CLASSROOM UPDATE

Progress on the new classroom is evident at this stage. Currently, the builders are at the roofing stage and awaiting doors and windows. Once they are fitted, we will be moving onto the first stage of electrics and plumbing.



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SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for the 24/25 school year will begin after Hallowe'en. Children will attend Castlebar Swimming Pool and the cost this year is €10.50 per child per week. This covers the bus (€7.00 per child) and lessons (€3.50 per child). The dates are as follows;

1st and 2nd Class; Thursdays, Nov 7th, 14th, 21st, Dec 5th, 12th
(Nov 28th is omitted as the school is closed on that afternoon for all children.)

3rd and 4th Class; Wednesdays, Nov 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Dec 4th, 11th

5th and 6th Class; Fridays, Nov 15th, 22nd, 29th, 6th, 13th
(Nov 8th is omitted as the school is closed on day for all children.)

SPHE

As part of the school's SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education) programme, all children will be taking part in the Friends for Life and Fun Friends programme this term with their class teachers. FRIENDS for Life is an evidence based social skills and resilience-building program that teaches children strategies to overcome challenges. The programme helps students to develop resilience by teaching them effective strategies to cope with, problem solve and manage all kinds of emotional distress, including worry, stress, change and anxiety. Skills learned throughout the programme help students both now and in later life.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW

The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board of Management meeting of October 8th. This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the gov.ie website.

The Designated Liaison Person is Michelle Tuohy. The Deputy Designated Liaison Person is Geraldine Glynn. The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is available on the school website and is on display in the school porch.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW

The Board of Management also completed the annual review of the Anti-Bullying Policy which is available on the school website and by request at the school office.

Reminders:

If for any reason parents need to speak to a teacher during the school day please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.

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