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School Newsletter - March 2023

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING AGREED REPORT

There was a Board of Management meeting on Monday, 13th of March. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted up on the Parents Noticeboard along with the Financial Report to Parents for the financial year 2021/2022.

SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

Below are the school closures for the rest of this school year. The Department of Education has also informed us of two extra half days to be taken this term for teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum and the Curriculum Framework.

March 17th	Bank Holiday, St Patrick's Day
March 31st	School closes for Easter Holidays
April 17th	School reopens
April 28th	School closes at 12.30 (Curriculum Framework Training)
May 1st	Bank Holiday
June 5th	Bank Holiday
June 6th	Vacation Day
June 12th	School closed - Primary Language Curriculum Training and Staff Meeting
June 27th	School closes at 12.30 (Summer Holidays)

Standardised Testing will be administered from May 15th - 26th.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The school will close on Friday, 31st March **at 3.00pm** for Easter Holidays.

On the day we close we 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, 17th April 2023**.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

To try and offset the cost of the school tour later this year, we will be having a used clothing collection on 29th of March (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 March 22nd 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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children in 2nd Class continue to take part in the Do This In Memory Programme. Adam, Amy, Eoin, Farrah, Jack, Jack, Liam, Malachy, Mark, Nicole, Sadhbh and Shay will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on March 15th and First Holy Communion in Mayo Abbey on Saturday 13th May. We wish these children, along with their parents and teacher, every blessing as they prepare for these special occasions.



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SCHOOL NEWS / ACTIVITIES

- **MS Readathon**: Many thanks to Adam, Amy, Danny, Emily, Grace, Jack, Liam, Mark, Matthew, Rachel Sadhbh and their families who took part in the MS Readathon in November 2022. They raised a total of €570 for the charity. Well done to all!
- **Christmas Nativity**: Our Christmas Nativity was a great success and thanks to all the children and staff for their hard work. Thanks to the parent body for attending and to the Parents Association for helping out on the night. Donations totalled €925 on the night.
- **Credit Union Quiz**: The Credit Union Quiz took place in Claremorris in January. We were very well represented by Eilidh, Fionn, Leo and Noah on the Senior Team with Emma, Henry, Niall and Philip on the Junior Team. A special congratulations to the Senior Team who placed 3rd!
- **Sports Quiz**: Congratulations to Noah, Leo, Henry and Philip who represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz in Ballindine in February. The boys finished in 3rd position and are now through to the County Final on March 21st. We wish them the best of luck in the next round.
- **Scór na bPáistí**: There was great excitement preparing for Scór. Henry and Emma represented the school at the South Mayo County Final in Hollymount in February. Both gave a great performance on the night!
- **Swimming**: Swimming has come to an end for 3rd-6th classes. 1st and 2nd began their lessons on March 2nd and are enjoying them so far!
- **Gymnastics**: The gymnastics lessons for Junior and Senior Infants are in progress and are great fun!
- **Soccer**: All children from 3rd to 6th Class are enjoying soccer during PE these days. The FAI Primary Schools Five-a-Side competition took place in Milebush Park and both the girls and boys teams took part.
- **Ceol na nÓg**: Music lessons continue to take place weekly for the children in Junior-2nd classes. These lessons are facilitated by Gráinne Hambly and the children are enjoying them immensely. Thanks to the Parents Association whose fundraising has covered costs.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

The Board of Management would like to thank all those who have made the voluntary contribution so far this year. This money goes towards making up the shortfall as grant aid given by the Department of Education is insufficient and does not cover all basic costs (e.g. electricity/heating/insurance etc...). If you have not yet received a receipt, please contact the school office.

POLICIES

The following policies were updated and ratified by the Board of Management: Admissions Policy and SPHE Policy. These policies can be found on the school website.

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.

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