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## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2023**

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION**

The school will close on Tuesday, June 27th at 12.30pm for the summer holidays. School will resume for all pupils on Friday, September 1st. The school office will be open on Thursday, August 31st from 10am to 2pm for those who have any queries or wish to purchase uniforms. A provisional calendar is attached with a more detailed calendar to be issued early in September.

### **CLASS ALLOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2023**

The class allocation for next year will be as follows:

Junior and Senior Infants:	Mary McNamara
1st/2nd Class:	Michelle Conway
3rd/4th Class:	Michelle Tuohy
5th/6th Class:	Thomas Clarke
Special Education Teachers:	Geraldine Glynn, Rachel Derrig
Additional Needs Assistants:	Rosaleen Basquill, Amhra O’Gorman

As the school year comes to a close, the Board of Management would like to thank Laura Brennan for her work this year and wish her well for her future endeavours. The Board would also like to wish Barbara Anne Vahey well on her career break for the coming year. We also welcome Michelle Conway to our staff this coming September.

### **BOOKLISTS / COSTS FOR SEPTEMBER**

As we communicated previously, the costs of books, workbooks and copies is being funded by the Department of Education. The costs per child are as below.

- Photocopying €20 + Arts and crafts materials €20 = €40 per child

This €40 per child can be paid directly to the school office in the coming days, in September or at your convenience by bank transfer using the details below.

IBAN: IE19AIBK 937088 19945045

Name: Mayo Abbey Schools Account

If you have any queries, please contact the school office for further information. If any family is in need of financial assistance with regard to any school activities, please contact the school office or principal directly. It is important that all children have the fullest education possible and have equal access to all educational resources, regardless of financial situation. Please be assured that these matters will be dealt with with the utmost confidentiality.

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### **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- **Sacraments:** 2nd Class children made their First Communion on May 13th. Thanks to Laura Brennan, Father Carney and Father Fergus for making it a very joyous occasion.
- **SPHE:** The Stay Safe Programme was completed throughout the school this term. 5th and 6th class also had a guest speaker to complete the Relationships and Sexuality Education portion of the curriculum in early June.
- **Internet Safety:** A Cyberbullying and Internet Safety talk took place on May 23rd for school children in 1st-6th classes and a webinar for parents also took place later that evening. Thank you to those parents who could participate. I know it is a busy time of year.
- **Sports:**
  - Children in 5th and 6th took part in the FAI Primary Schools 5-a-side competition in Milebush in March.
  - On April 26th, children from 3rd to 6th classes took part in the Cuman na mBunscol competition where they played against Aghamore and Gortskehy at Abbey Park. Thanks to Mayo Gaels for the use of their facilities.
  - Martin Costello, Mayo GAA Coaching Office, has also completed some football training with all classes in the school during May and June.
- **Sports Quiz:** Henry, Leo, Noah and Philip represented the school at the Cuman na mBunscol County Sports Quiz on March 28th on An Sportlann. Well done to the boys!
- **Seachtain na Gaeilge:** During Seachtain na Gaeilge, members of the local Foroige club in Mayo Abbey gave an enjoyable Ceili dancing workshop to the children from 3rd-6th on March 24th. Hup!
- **Creative Schools:** As a start to the Creative Schools Initiative, Breda Burns, Creative Associate visited on March 20th and May 8th. All classes took part in art workshops on these dates making flowers and painting some glorious cherry blossoms. The Creative Schools Initiative will be continued next year.
- **Children's School Lives:** On May 4th, Julie Hughes from UCD, Children's School Lives Research Study visited the school. The study followed children's progress from infants to second class in schools throughout the country. That was the last visit from researchers. The fifth report from the Children's School Lives gives a unique insight into perspectives, experiences and practices of pedagogy in Irish primary school classrooms using data from the first four years of CSL. The reports are available on the website [www.cslstudy.ie](http://www.cslstudy.ie). Mayo Abbey NS were glad to be part of this research study.
- **Pond Dipping:** On Monday, May 29th, the children in 5th and 6th Class went 'Pond Dipping' in Lough Carra. Thanks to the Lough Carra Catchment Association Education Committee who are implementing an education and awareness programme about water and water quality in primary schools in the Lough Carra catchment area.
- **School Tour:** All children went to Shannon Adventure Centre on May 31st on their school tour. Thanks again to all those who contributed to the clothes collection and reduced costs for all children taking part.
- **Sports Day:** We held a very enjoyable sports day for all classes on Wednesday, June 16th.
- **Graduation:** The graduation ceremony took place on June 21st. The 6th class children planted their class tree and Fr. Fergus gave a blessing. We wish Colin, Ella, Eilidh, Fionn, John, Leo, Maria, Noah and Warren every success for the future.
- **Music:** Thank you to Music Generation Mayo who facilitated music lessons through the Ceol na nÓg programme to the junior classes this year. Thank you also to the Parents Association whose fundraising covered the costs of the lessons. This was a very worthwhile experience and we hope to take part again next year.

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

Thank you to all who contributed this year. Your support is very much appreciated.

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