

*Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Mhuígh Éo*

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Dear Parents,

The following is the agreed report of the Board of Management following a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2021.

The Board of Management wishes to commend the school children and staff for their participation in the following extra-curricular activities:

- Cross Country: Children took part in South Mayo Cross Country Competition in Ballinrobe last month. Two children (Emily Duggan and Henry Griffith) qualified for the county final in Ballina last week.
- We had a visit from Garda Olive Lafferty who spoke to the children 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes on safety at Halloween.
- Children in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> classes took part in a cycle safety course with Gerry Butler (Mayo CoCo)
- Children in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> classes are taking part in STEPS project (Science)
- We will be taking part in Active Flag Initiative this year. Mr. Clarke is the Active Flag Co-ordinator.
- Congratulations to the children in 3<sup>rd</sup> class who received their First Holy Communion on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
- We wished Katy Delaney well on her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Glynn and myself brought 6<sup>th</sup> class to give her a small gift on behalf of all in the school.
- We will be participating in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year.
- We hope to recommence swimming lessons for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes later in the school year, provided guidelines at that time allow and it is safe to do so.

#### **COVID GUIDELINES:**

The Board acknowledge the great work that is being done by all in the school community to ensure the safety of all in school during these challenging times. The schools COVID Response Plan and Risk Assessment has been reviewed and updated. It continues to be reviewed in line with public health guidelines. The Board of Management ask that if any child, or adult, displays any of the symptoms of COVID 19 they should remain at home and seek medical advice.

#### **CYBER SAFETY**

Cyber Safety (including cyber bullying and internet safety) training has been arranged for pupils 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes, to take place on Wednesday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. There will also be an information presentation for parents on that evening. Further information will be available after the mid-term break.

#### **DEVELOPMENT OF ASTRO TURF PITCH.**

The Board of Management, in conjunction with Mayo Gaels GAA club are working toward the development of an Astro Turf Pitch on the school grounds. Plans are at an early stage and the school community will be updated as the project progresses.

## **POLICIES**

The following policies have been reviewed, updated and ratified by the Board of Management . Copies of both are available to view in school on request.

- Special Education Needs (SEN) Policy
- Digital Learning Plan
  
- Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-bullying Policy  
Annual checklists for review of both of the above were completed at the meeting.

## **IT**

The Board of Management wishes to thank Variety – the Children’s Charity of Ireland for their very generous donation of an upcycled iPad. This device will be used by children with special needs in school.

We are currently upgrading our IT systems and resources in school.

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

The Board have agreed that there will not be a concert this year as it is still not safe enough to do so.