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**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER  
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**MAYO GAELS DAY!**

As you all know on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November our parish team “Mayo Gaels” contests the County Intermediate Final. This is the first time that we have been in the final since we won the competition 23 years ago in 1998. To support the club, we will be having a “Mayo Gaels Day” in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Children can wear their Mayo Gaels colours on that day. There is no need to buy any official gear or jerseys....anything blue and yellow will be fine.

We wish the team all the best against Ballyhaunis on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYO GAELS ABÚ!**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Unfortunately, we will not be in a position to hold a Christmas Concert this year. Our Parents Association will, however, be running a Christmas raffle. More information to follow.

**ASTRO TURF**

We are currently, in conjunction with the Mayo Gaels GAA Club, working towards the development of an Astro Turf pitch on the school grounds. This will be on the grass area to the side of the school which, at the moment, we can only use when the weather allows. This new development will greatly enhance the school grounds and the artificial surface will make the area usable all year round. Hopefully we will receive some funding towards this project. However, we will still need to do some extra fundraising. The Mayo Gaels club are holding a “SCRAP METAL COLLECTION” this month. We are asking for you to gather all your scrap metal and bring it to the pitch (Abbey Park) between 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact either Alan, Kevin or Christina or anyone in school and we will try to organise collection for you (see attached flyer for details). Please spread the word and all funds will go towards the development of the Astro Turf Pitch.

**CLASS HOURS**

We have been granted 93.75 additional teaching hours under the “Covid Learning and Support Scheme 2021”(CLASS) scheme. We plan to use the hours during weeks leading up to Christmas. Ms. Lorna Moran will assist teachers in each classroom 3 days a week for 6 weeks.

**COVID 19**

Thank you all for your continued co-operation in following the COVID 19 Guidelines. We ask that you remain vigilant and monitor your children for any symptoms of COVID 19. Children must remain at home if they display any of the COVID symptoms:

- Fever or high temperature(above 38C/100.4F) or feeling feverish or have chills
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Runny nose, nasal or sinus congestion or sore throat
- Loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell
- Headaches
- Aches and pains or tiredness
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhoea

## 'CYBER BULLYING & INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING'

We will be facilitating a webinar on Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November for children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes.

The webinar is a live webinar and is not pre-recorded. It takes place with the pupils in a live setting (via Zoom or an alternative platform) and this allows the pupils to engage and ask questions from the presenter (Jeremy Pagden) throughout the webinar / with the help of a teacher).

On that evening (17<sup>th</sup> Nov.) there will be a presentation for parents. The webinar for parents lasts approximately one hour and will be delivered live via Zoom.

In today's technology-rich environment most of us feel woefully inadequate when it comes to knowing what our teenagers are really experiencing when they use the internet. This is normal and to be expected. However, as parents we have a fundamental duty of care to our children, and unfortunately that means getting a grasp of the things that our children are experiencing online.

The webinar is being delivered by Jeremy Pagden, the Managing Director of Schools Websites. In the past, Jeremy has travelled all over the country delivering Internet Safety talks to both Parents and pupils alike. **The session for parents will take place via Zoom on 17/11/21 at 7pm.** The topics covered during the session are as follows:

- Legislation and the implications around Cyberbullying for you and your child
- Apps to avoid and how Apps can be designed for malicious purposes.
- Gaming and Internet addiction
- The consequences to publishing, posting, sending and uploading inappropriate content
- The dangers of sexting & the legal ramifications of using Social Media inappropriately.
- Technology solutions, tips and advice that can be used to manage our children's online activities.
- The value of 'old fashioned' parenting techniques.

We would appreciate it if you could attend the session and are encouraged to take notes and to listen to the advice given by the speaker.

You will receive a link to join the webinar closer to Wednesday.

## CLOTHING COLLECTION

We are hoping to hold a clothing collection next **March** to help with school activities (e.g. school tours/extra curricular activities). Please keep this in mind if you are having a clear out anytime between here and March (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains, soft toys etc.)! Every little helps!