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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

There was a Board of Management meeting on Wednesday, 11th 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 21st at Ballinrobe racecourse. Children from 1st to 6th attended. We had a number of winners. Congratulations to Hugh, Luke, Emma, Danny, Philip and Henry. Philip and Henry qualified for the county final which was held in Ballina. Both boys again qualified for the Connacht National Schools Cross Country Championships. This race took place on Wednesday with Philip winning gold in his category. Congratulations to all who trained and took part in the Cross Country this year.
- **Rugby :** 5th and 6th Class had a great day representing Ireland at the Connacht Rugby National Schools' Nations Rugby Series in Ballinrobe on September 15th last.
- **Dance:** All classes are currently taking part in weekly dance lessons with Sandra Ganley from Jiving Juniors. The children are learning to jive, waltz and line dance and having great fun in the process! The lessons continue until the Hallowe'en break.
- **Cuman na nBunscol:** Mini-7's football was in Began on October 4th. Some children from 3rd to 6th attended and they had some exciting games. The girls team made it through some tough games and got to the final of the competitive event. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part on the day!
- **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 Tuesday, October 24th.
- **MS Readathon:** Readathon: We are again taking part in the READATHON initiative (All classes) in November. 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.
- **Credit Union Art Competition:** The children will be taking part in the Credit Union Art Competition.
- We wished Katy Delaney well on her 102nd Birthday on September 22nd. 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 September 22nd. The proof cards were sent home today with the children. If ordering through the school, please return orders by October 20th.

SACRAMENT DATES

Confirmation will take place in Mayo Abbey Church on Saturday, May 11th at 12pm.

The First Communion will take place in Mayo Abbey Church on Saturday, May 25th at 2pm.



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MUSIC GENERATION MAYO

We are lucky to once again have the opportunity to participate in the Music Generation Mayo programme. The junior classes are once again taking part in the Ceol na nÓg Early Years Music Programme. The children will take part in weekly 45 minute lessons delivered during school time. This year the senior classes were also offered the chance to take part in the Céili Ukulele programme. The children in 3rd-6th class will learn contemporary songs and learn to accompany themselves on the ukulele taught by professional musicians visiting their classrooms. This year our lessons are again facilitated by local musician Gráinne Hambly.

These classes are match funded between the school and Music Generation.

However, our Parents Association, through their upcoming fundraising, and with the agreement of the Board of Management, have agreed to subsidise this programme so that there will be no cost to families.

ALADDIN

The school currently uses Aladdin Schools which is an online management system to assist with administration in primary schools. Aladdin Connect is used by Irish primary schools to securely communicate and share information with parents/guardians.

Please read the accompanying letter to get started with Aladdin Connect. We would encourage as many parents as possible to engage with Aladdin Connect.

CHILD PROTECTION AND ANTI-BULLYING INFORMATION

Following new procedures received from the Department of Education, the Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools (revised 2023) document aims to give direction to school management and staff regarding the identification of and response to child protection concerns and the process for continued support of the child. The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment for Mayo Abbey NS reflects these changes and is available on the school website and is displayed in the school porch.

The Board of Management also completed the checklist for review of the Child Safeguarding Statement along with 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