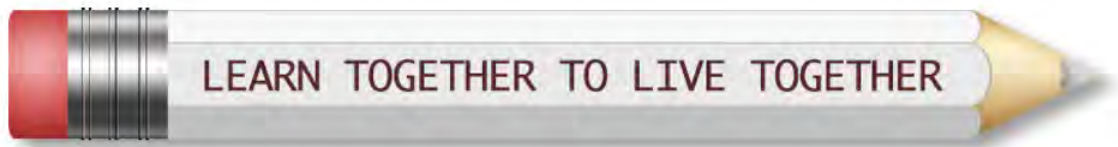




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Newsletter June 2023

Dear Parents and Staff,

We have been very busy with our end of year activities: testing, tidying up, sports day, graduation, placing our book order for next year and end of year reports.

School Books

You may have heard that primary school books are to be paid for by the state for the foreseeable future. This year we are ordering the books and they will be given directly to the children on their return to school on August 31st. This saves parents from the chore of having to collect the books at the end of this school year. There will be the usual art & craft (as we usually call it) fee payable in September. It will be €50 for one child, €90 for two and €120 for three children. Fees mentioned in the May newsletter were incorrect. These will cover the following costs:

- 24 hour insurance
- Art & Craft materials
- Digital Licences for online materials related to the children's book schemes
- Pencils for Junior Infant Classes; red pens for 3rd -6th Classes
- Glue Sticks for every child

Parents are asked to supply the following:

- A zipped pencil case
- A ruler
- An eraser
- A sharpener
- Pencils (1st-6th)
- Pens (5th/ 6th)
- A ream of Paper

Assembly

We held an end of year assembly today. Alara and Max spoke about the work of the Student Council throughout the year, including the Talent Show and Seachtain na Gaeilge. They encouraged others to get involved in the Student Council next year.

Max Ivsenko was presented with a medal which he won for being number one out of 350 children for endurance in tests carried out by Offaly Sports Partnership in schools throughout the county.

Handwriters

Our super hand writers for the month of June were Esme (Junior Infants), Gabriella (Senior Infants), Ayla(1st Class), Jan (The Arc), Megan (2nd Class), Simona (3rd Class), Amber Lilly (4th Class), Amelia (5th Class) and Safia (6th Class).

Ethical Curriculum

Well done to Ethel and the Junior Infants on their super presentation on World Refugees. They finished with a lovely song.

Athletics

The Colin Dunne Primary Schools Track and Field competition was on during June and Breda took a group of children to participate in the event. Thanks to Breda for coaching the pupils and dealing with all the organisational work involved.

Talent Show

The Student Council put on a talent show again this year. A student vote and a staff vote were held for the student acts. Alara and Max compered the show. Thanks to everyone who took part, it was a most enjoyable event. The results were as follows:

1st Place: The Super Magic Bros: Dylan, Omer, Almoutasem and Arnas, (Magic Tricks) 4th Class

2nd Place: Aoibheann (Singing) 3rd Class

3rd Place: The Amazing Sisters- Amelie and Amber Lilly (dance) 4th Class

Staff Vote: A draw between Isobel Hayes (dance) 6th Class and Almante, Mija and Jennifer (dance) 3rd Class

Staff Section: Quattro Colori-Richard, Massi, Doireann and Darren (Singing)

Volunteers

Thanks to Sabrina (Play Therapist) and Monica (SNA) for volunteering in the school.

6th Class Leaving Ceremony

On Friday June 16th we had a graduation ceremony for those children who are moving on to secondary school. Sharon Lawrence (BOM) made a presentation to Stephen Coyle, to mark his time as caretaker from 2009-2019. Well done to all those who participated in the event. The children really enjoyed it. We wish the thirty 6th Class pupils well, as they prepare for the second leg of their journey in formal education.

Attendance

There has been a huge drop in attendance since March 2020. It is a national issue at this stage. We will be raising our expectations next year and we will be informing you of strategies around this in September. Twenty children missed five days or less and Michelle presented them with certificates at assembly. One child, Zarmeen in 4th Class had 100% attendance. Well done Zarmeen.

Sports Day

We had our Sports Day last Thursday. The weather was incredible and the children had a great day. We had our usual 6th Class versus Staff match. It was a highly competitive game with some great performances by both sides. 6th Class won 1-0 with the goal scored by Max Glavin Origan. The staff was magnanimous in defeat (and whilst the 6th Class children remain the same age over the years, the staff do not!!!). Thanks to Joe Cusack who refereed the match.

Handball

The 3rd -6th Classes enjoyed a morning of handball. Thanks to Ronan for organising this.

School Reports

The end of year school reports were sent home on June 19th last giving parents seven days in which to follow up on reports if necessary. Today is the last date for any appointments. The office will re-open on Monday August 21st .

School Places

The school is full for the next academic year. We are currently operating a waiting list for all classes. Our enrolment policy is available on the school website.

Class allocation for 2023/24:

Junior Infants: 1. Tara O' Brien and 2. Sarah McConigley

Senior Infants: Eimear Byrne

1st Class: Ellen Lynch

2nd Class: Darren Fahy

3rd Class: Fionnuala Bradley

4th Class: Breda Goulding/Aisling Bryant

5th Class: Ethel Boyd

6th Class: Shauna McEneff

The Arc: Barbara Mellsop

Doireann Gilmore

Support Teachers: Michelle Cleary, Sarah Cleary, Cathy Cusack, Ronan O' Meara

SNAs: Lynne McNiece, Massi Carni, Olivia Dunican, Olivia Delaney, Oksana Voytkiv

Administration: Richard Brennan; Caretaker: Serhii Sheveiko ; Cleaner: Katarzyna Baczaj

We wish Kitty, Moya, Grace, Niamh, Natalia and Nancy well and thank them for their input into our school.

In-School Management Team

Thank you to Michelle, Shauna, Tara and Cathy for their hard work and flexibility over the years.

Board of Management

I would like to thank the Board of Management for its support this year. Thank you to the members for their commitment and for the high standards they seek to uphold in the running of the school. The Board of Management members are: Michael Joyce, Sharon Lawrence, Louise McDowell, Joe Errity, Jim Enright, Jonathan D'Arcy, Cathy Cusack and Cathy Lyons.

Sport in school

Thanks to Shauna, Sarah, Ronan and Breda for their input into sport in the school.

Closing Date

We are getting our holidays tomorrow June 27th at 12.00 p.m. Remember 1st Class children go home at 3.00 p.m. next year, one hour later than when in Senior Infants. The school will re-open on August 31st 2023 at 9.20 p.m. A copy of next year's school calendar has been sent via Aladdin and will be available on the school website. Have a great summer! Relax, unwind, reboot and enjoy the break!

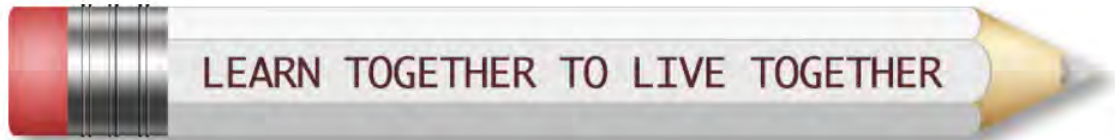
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April/ May 2023

Dear Parents and Staff,

Active Schools Week

We had a great time during Active Schools Week. There was a main event scheduled everyday with lunchtime activities for the 3rd-6th Classes. The schedule was as follows:

Monday: Obstacle Course

Tuesday: Dodge Ball

Wednesday: Whole school walk and yoga

Thursday: Table Tennis

Friday: Basketball

Thanks to everyone who helped throughout the week and to Natalia for yoga and a big thanks to Shauna who was the main organiser. The children had a great week.

Aistear

The Aistear (Learning Through Play) theme for this month was construction. The children learned the necessary language about all aspects of building and construction through play.

After School Activities

Wednesdays: Yoga for 2nd Class from 3.00 p.m.-3.45 p.m. with Sarah McConigley until June 7th

Thursdays: GAA for 3rd-6th Classes from 3.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. with Ronan, Sarah and Shauna until May 25th.

Camogie

The girls from 3rd-6th Classes have been involved in a camogie programme through Tullamore Camogie Club. The programme was funded by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth under the Community Integration Fund and culminated in a blitz in O' Brien park on May 3rd. The girls really enjoyed the experience and we would encourage them to join the camogie club.

Tullamore Camogie Club is celebrating 50 years this year. It had an art competition to mark the occasion. The following children won prizes from the school: Muire Sheridan, Arwa Ali, Amelie Coyle, Safia Mokrani and Daniel Coyle. Their art is on display in the Bridge Centre and there are photographs of it on our Facebook page. Thanks to Shauna for organising this and well done to all who took part.

Amnesty International

The Student Council has been selling bracelets for Amnesty International. €242 was raised. Thanks to Michelle who organised this.

Reading Buddies

6th Class and Senior Infants have been reading together over the last few weeks. Both classes are really enjoying the experience.

Cumann na mBunscol

Our mixed team played Rashina N.S. in a Cumann na mBunscol football final on Monday May 22nd last. It was a great game and our team did us proud. However it was not to be this time. For the first time ever the finals were videoed and are available to view on Youtube. Our 5th and 6th Classes went to cheer them on. Later that week, on the day of the last training session, all the GAA participants were treated to pizza. Thanks to Shauna, Ronan and Sarah Cleary for their work all year.

School Tours

Junior/Senior Infants: Tearaways, Athlone: Friday May 19th

1st/2nd Classes: Wednesday May 24th

3rd / 4th : Classes Monday June 19th

5th Class: Thursday, 1st June Belvedere; Thursday 8th June: Emo House

6th Class: Tuesday June 13th Kilmainham

Athletics

The 1st -4th Classes took part in an Offaly Sports Partnership athletics programme. The following children were finalists in The Harriers- Caleb (1st Class), Dovydas (2nd Class) Max, Mark, Alex, Kirill (3rd Class) and Amelie (4th Class). Thanks to Breda for organising and attending on the day.

Homework

There will be no homework for the month of June.

School Books for 2023/24

School books and copies will be provided for by the state through the school from now on. The Art & Craft, Insurance (which is being extended to 24 hour cover) and Journal fee is payable in September. This is €50 for 1 child, €80 for 2 and €110 for three.

Petition for Zebra Crossing

A petition lobbying the local authority for a Zebra Crossing between The Hawthorns and Norbury Woods' Roundabout has been organised and energised by Robert Lawson, a Junior Infant parent. The Board of Management of Tullamore ETNS fully supports the parent body in its petition seeking a crossing for our children's safety.

Car Park Etiquette

We have noticed that standards have slipped in the car park. Please be advised that:

1. The rules outside of the carpark apply in the carpark
2. No parking in the blue disability spaces unless you have a permit displayed
3. No parking or setting down on double yellow lines
4. No setting down/dropping off within 5 metres of the pedestrian crossing.
5. If you have a child in Junior or Senior Infants they should be accompanied by an older sibling or adult across the pedestrian crossing

This is in the interest of your children's safety. We look forward to your continued compliance.

Assembly

We had our April/May on May 25th . The hand writers of the month were Rashydan (Junior Infants), Adam (Senior Infants), James (1st Class), Katherine (2nd Class) Emily (3rd Class), Erin (4th Class), Lola (The Arc), Anna (5th Class) and Matt (6th Class).

Michelle introduced the Senior Infants performance about Ageism as part of the Learn Together Programme. Senior Infants did a super job explaining Ageism to us and finished with a lovely rap.

Graduation

6th Class Graduation takes place on Friday, June 16th at 1.45 p.m. in the hall. We are limiting each graduate to four guests (not counting siblings in the school).

School Reports

School reports will go live on Aladdin on June 19th.

Summer Holidays

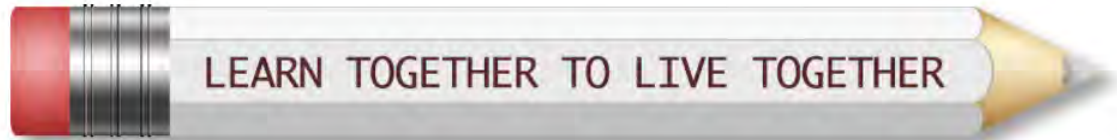
The summer holidays begin on Tuesday, June 27th at 12.00 p.m. The buses will run at this time.



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Dear Parents and Staff,

March has been a very busy month and we are in need of our Easter Holidays for a break!

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Rayan Chalouche who represented our school in the Easons Spelling Bee County Final which took place in Durrow N.S. this year.

Book Fair and World Book Day

The Book Fair was on March 2nd and coincided with World Book Day. Each child received a World Book Day token which they were able to use at the bookfair. We marked the occasion by having a dress up day and we had a special assembly in the yard. Many wonderful characters came alive on the day. Prizes (vouchers for a free book at the book fair) for the best costumes went to Chulainn (The Wizard of OZ), Levi (Mr. Incredible), Katalina(The Owls of Blossom Wood), Annalie (Miss Trunchbull), Lola (Paddington Bear), Jedrzej(Ironman), Aoife (The Cat in the Hat), Róisín (Jack and the Goblin King). We sold over €2000 worth of books which gets us €1300 in free books for our library. A big thank you to Jenny for organising the bookfair and to Cathy Cusack for being the liaison person.

Camogie

Tullamore Camogie Club is running a programme for the girls in the 3rd-6th Classes. This will culminate in an interschool blitz in the next term.

Relationships and Sexuality Programme (RSE)

RSE Programme is being rolled out to all classes. Please see the school website for the policy.

FAI Blitz

Richard -our teams did very well

Seachtain na Gaeilge-Mon Ceili; Tues Siopa we made over €620 well done to 6th class and Shauna; Trath na gCeist : Prize giving : An foireann sa tríú áit: , darú áit agus an chead ait

Lá Glas

Nai shois

Nai shin

Rang a haon

Rang a dó

Duaiseanna le haghaidh páistí a rinne sár iarracht gaeilge a labhairt:

GAA

On Wednesday Ronan, Shauna, Sarah after schools on a Thursday Cumann na mBunscol; Blitz in Kilcormac - well done girls

Athletics

Breda and Shauna

Handwriting Certs

The winners are:

Jl: ; SI: Nadia; 1st : Noah; 2nd 3rd; 4th The Arc; 5th 6th

Learn Together Programme

1st Class Niamh and Michelle to introduce

Easter Holidays Tomorrow : Off at 12.00 p.m. Siblings collect 5 mins early

Assembly

March's assembly took place on

Second Class was super at exploring the core value of cooperation.

Winners of the handwriting awards were Malai (Junior Infants), Dylan (Senior Infants), Isabel(1st Class), Síofra (2nd Class), Lukas (3rd Class), Adnan(4th Class), Diana(The Arc), Simon(5th Class) and Leah(6th Class).

Seachtain na Gaeilge Márta 14ú-16ú

The schedule was as follows:

Tuesday: Céilí for all classes 11.30-1.00 p.m.

Wednesday: Siopa for all classes (€-€ spending limit)

Thursday: Tráth na gCeist (Quiz) for 3rd- 6th class 1.30 p.m.- 3.00 p.m. Lá Glas (Wear green) Junior Infants-2nd Class

Friday: The school was closed for St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you for your baking donations to the siopa (shop). Well done to Shauna and 6th Class for running the siopa.

Prizes for the children who made the best effort to speak Irish during this week and for the first three teams in Tráth na gCeist will be given out at assembly on March 28th.

We had a great week!

Parental Involvement

Thank you to the following parents who were involved in school life this month: Jenny, Lisa C, Lisa K, Sarah, Oksana and Charlene (Book Fair), Psemik (Basketball), Anna, Paul, Jacqueline, Mara, Katarina (Family Night), Katarina (Traffic Safety)

There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated.

We urge parents to fill in the absence form on Aladdin if their child has missed a day from school.

The passing of invitations and cards must take place outside of school hours. This ensures that no child is excluded or hurt.

The children must wear appropriate footwear for P.E.