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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all had an enjoyable week off in the sunshine after what has been a very busy few months in school.

Suncream:

In what we hope will be a prolonged spell of good weather we will endeavour to have the pupils outside more during the school day. Please ensure sun cream is applied every morning before coming to school and a sun hat worn into school if the child so wishes.

Foundation Stage Sports Day:

We are delighted to report that the Sports Day for our younger pupils in Reception, Rang 1, P1 and P2/3 was a massive success with lots of smiling faces and plenty of tired children come lunchtime!

We very much appreciate the cooperation of all parents as we understand how disappointing it was with parents unable to attend. Please take time to check out the photographs on our school website and on your class Seesaw account.

Confirmation:

Massive congratulations to our Primary 7 pupils on making their Confirmation. Well done to everyone who participated, making the occasion a special day to remember for all. The Class Photograph can be ordered by returning the order form to Mrs Smith, class teacher before Thursday 10th June.

First Confession:

Well done to all the boys and girls in Primary 4 who made their First Confession. You have worked very hard to prepare for your sacraments and we look forward to celebrating your First Holy Communion with you this weekend.

Dinner Money:

Dinners in the month of June cannot be ordered in school unless prepaid on the Parentpay account. Please credit your account in advance of ordering dinner.

Snack money:

June snack money for all Reception - Primary 2 pupils should be paid via Parentpay or directly to the class teacher before Friday 11th June please. Letters in regard to any outstanding balances will be issued this week via the school office.

GAA Sports Fanatics -Good news!

We finally have permission to play matches against other schools - which we hope to arrange over the next few weeks.

Yearly Standardised Testing:

As you may already be aware schools historically have carried out standardized testing at the end of each school year in P3-P7. Data from this testing was used to build an academic profile on each child and allowed staff to track pupil progress from year to year throughout their time in our school.

Unfortunately, due to the closures last March and again this year, the continuity of such data is now broken, and schools somehow need to begin this process once again.

It has been decided that this year we will be carrying out standardized testing for Years 4-6.

We should emphasise that the results of these tests will ONLY be used for baseline purposes within the school and will help inform curriculum planning for next year.

Staff will reassure the children that there will be no need to worry or be anxious about these tests and that pupils will only be expected to do their best. Staff will supervise testing carefully to ensure no child is feels under any pressure.

Please find below a summary of events and useful information for the remainder of the school year.

Date	Class	Activity
Mon 7 th June	P7	Shared Education -Interactive Well-Being Workshop
Tues 8 th – Fri 11 th June	P4	Communion practices in chapel
Thurs 10 th June	P3 -P7	Sports Day -Madden Row Playing Fields - Please ensure sun cream is applied before coming to school. Pupils may wear their own sports clothes. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, parents CAN NOT be invited to Sports Day this year. We must insist all parents adhere to this guidance, thank you. Photographs will be posted online for all to see.
Sat 12 th June – 11:30am	P4	First Holy Communion
Mon 14 th -Thurs 17 th June	P4-P6	Internal Standardised Testing -It is important ALL pupils in these classes attend school on these dates.
Wed 16 th June	P7	Trip Day – details to follow
Thurs 17 th June	Naíscoil	Graduation in Outdoor Playarea - weather permitting
Fri 18 th June	Reception	Graduation for Miss McBride’s and Bean Uí Thuathail’s Reception Pupils in Outdoor Playarea - weather permitting - Limited guests of max <u>2 adults</u> per child due to current restrictions. No younger children can attend. Details to follow
Mon 21 st June	Naíscoil	Induction Sessions for New Intake
Wed 23 rd June -11:30am	Reception	Induction Sessions for parents of Miss McBride’s and Bean Uí Thuathail’s existing Reception Pupils
Fri 25 th June	All pupils	School will end early today at 12:30pm for ALL pupils to allow for our Primary 7 Leavers’ Presentation.
	Reception -P1 Rang 1	This will be the last day of school for Miss McBride’s and Bean Uí Thuathail’s classes -allowing for Induction Sessions for new pupils next week.
Fri 25 th June -1:30pm	Primary 7	Leavers’ Presentation BBQ (weather permitting) – School Yard. Limited guests of max <u>2 adults</u> per child due to current restrictions. No younger children can attend. Details to follow This will be the P7’s last day at primary school.
Wed 30 th June	P2-P6	School closes at 11am for Summer Holidays
We await DE Guidance for Return to School dates for September 2021		

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Mrs F Hughes
Principal