



01/04/2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Easter Holidays:** School closed at 12 noon on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> and reopens on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**May Bank Holiday:** School closed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**June Bank Holiday:** School closed on Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Holidays:** School closed at 12 noon on June 24<sup>th</sup>.



**Covid 19 Restrictions:** Most Covid restrictions have now been lifted in the school setting. Bubbles and pods are no longer in place and children are no longer required to wear masks. However, as there are still a high number of Covid cases in the community, any child who wishes to wear a face mask is encouraged to do so. We also thank all the parents for remaining vigilant and keeping their children at home when symptoms are present.

If you have a confirmed case of Covid in your home, your child may still attend school as long as they have no symptoms and have a negative antigen test. For children in 3<sup>rd</sup> class and above, it would be advisable if they wore face masks while in class.

If your child tests positive, they need to stay out of school for 7 full days. These 7 days are counted from first symptoms, or the positive antigen test. They should not return to school until they have been symptom free for 48 hours. Please let us know in school if your child does test positive, so we can inform other parents in the class.

It is ok for your child to stop isolating after 7 days if they only have a mild cough or changes in sense of smell – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone.

**Car Park:** Part of the unwinding of restrictions in the school will be a change to the staggered opening and closing times. We will return to our gates opening at 8.45am, second bell at 8.55am. We want to get all children to their desks before 9.00am and ready for work, as a lot of time has been lost this year due to the staggered start and students arriving at different times.

The carpark will still remain as a drop off/pick up area. Please ensure that you drop and go as quickly as possible, so that another car can have your space. In the afternoon we will return to our 2.40pm closing time

**Football:** Cumann na mBunscol has returned at last. Both boys and girls teams have played matches.. The girls were victorious in a tight match against Dalystown and unlucky to lose against a strong Ballinagore team, they now must play off against the same two teams, with two out of the three to progress. The boys had a great win against Loughnavalley, but were pipped to the post by Ballymore and Castledaly in their other matches.



: We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge this year, in the lead up to St Patrick's day. Well done to all the teachers for encouraging the cúpla focal gach lá. On March 16<sup>th</sup> the children wore in their Green outfits to celebrate St Patricks day and Lá Glás. Over €100 was raised for the Fleadh organising committee.



**Sacraments:** Congratulations to the boys and girls in 2<sup>nd</sup> class, who made their First Confession on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder that First Holy Communion, is on Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10am in Horseleap church. Confirmation this year takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in Clara. (further details on arrangements to follow closer to the time).



**Peter Pan:** the boys and girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class put on a brilliant display in Mullingar Arts centre on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended and also by the cast. The hard work put in by the students was immense and they deserve all the plaudits they get. 🙌🙌🙌

€4267 was made on the show, between raffle ticket sales and tickets to the show. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed and to our Parents Association who helped to make this such a huge success, in generating much needed funds for the school.

The money made on the night will be used towards supplementing the high cost of travel to school events, such as matches, swimming, school tours. (It will be ensured that all classes benefit from this). Also our students council have carried out a survey on all classes on the items that the students feel could be bought from the proceeds and over the next few weeks various items will be bought from this wish list.

#### **School Activities:**

**School Bake** sale in aid of Ukraine on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Students Council are coordinating and more information will be sent out via Aladdin).

“**Stay Safe**” – the stay safe program is underway across the school at the moment.

**Tin whistle** lessons for students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class, start on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, the cost is €12 per child for 8 weeks.

**Swimming** in Clara pool starts on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, for all boys and girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, the cost is €32 per child for 6 weeks.

**Heritage workshop** on the Greenway, for all classes on May 17<sup>th</sup> 2022.

**Water sports** (Harbour, Mullingar) for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class, May 30<sup>th</sup> 2022.

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