

June Newsletter

Summer Reading Stars

Please make sure to encourage your child to do some reading/read to them over the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Stars programme is running again in all the local libraries. Every summer across the public library network in Ireland, children are encouraged to continue to read for pleasure throughout the summer holidays. The libraries host a reading challenge for children and deliver lots of fun literary events to encourage children to come to their local library and borrow a book. Every child who registers for Summer Stars will receive rewards throughout the reading challenge. At the end of the summer all children who give in their completed reading cards are entered into a draw for a voucher for a bike with the support of Longford Sports Partnership.

School reports:

At this stage everyone should have received their school reports for the past year. From next year onwards, we will be using the Aladdin Connect App to issue the report cards.

Book Lists:

The book lists for next year have been issued on the Aladdin Connect App. They will all be posted onto the school website over the coming week.

Changing classes:

As usual, the children move in to their new class on the last day of school. This gives them an opportunity to meet their new teacher and familiarise themselves with their new classroom if they are moving rooms.

Cake Sales:

As the Covid restrictions lifted over the past few months, the children in 5th and 6th classes were once again able to run two cake sales for the rest of the school. The money raised at these cake sales was used to subsidise the cost of transport to school matches given the ever increasing cost of fuel. Some of the money was also used to buy activities for the children in the younger classes.

Swimming lessons

As the children missed out on swimming over the past few years, swimming lessons have been booked for children in classes 3rd to 6th starting in early September. You will get full details immediately on our return to school in September.

Board of Management report

Meeting: 09.06.2022

- The new classroom is open and has already been used for the delivery of music lessons to all classes. It has also been used for whole school gatherings which is a very positive development after the Covid restrictions.
- The "Class Splitting" policy and curriculum English policy were both ratified. The Class Splitting policy is available on the school website.
- The BoM has been informed the current cycle of SSE is completed.
- The BoM have organised for the exterior of the school to be painted over the holidays.

- Essential maintenance will be carried out on the school building over the holidays.
- Additional work on the school field will be carried out over the holidays.
- The BoM have sought advice from local representatives about the possibility of receiving grant funding for a car park for the school. Enquiries are ongoing at this time.
- Next BoM meeting is in July. Any policies ratified at this meeting will be posted to the school website and parents will be alerted on Aladdin system.

On behalf of all the staff in the school, I would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Regards,

Ms Farrell.