

Newsletter

Spring 2023

Junior Infants 2023/24: We are currently open for applications for Junior Infants 23/24. Forms are available, on request, from the school office. They can also be downloaded from the school website, www.moynens.com.

Vex Competition: Well done to the children in 5th and 6th classes who took part in the recent Vex competition in Birr, Co. Offaly. Over the past few months, led by a core group of children from 6th class, everyone helped to build a robot and then programme it to complete basic tasks. The children put an incredible effort into this project and were rewarded with first place in the regional competition on Monday January 30th. This is the first time the school has entered the competition and it was fantastic to see the new skills the children developed as they programmed their robot and problem solved to ensure it completed the tasks.

St. Brigid's Day: The children had an opportunity to learn the traditional skill of cross making for St. Brigid's day. Many crosses were made and sent to the church where Fr Pat blessed them and shared them with those attending mass on the day. Fr Pat also came to the school on February 1st and did the traditional blessing of St Blaise for everyone.

Credit Union Table Quiz: After a very long layoff, the Credit Union Quiz was back up and running on Monday night, January 30th. Well done to everyone who came along and represented the school. Two teams from 3rd and 4th class did particularly well with one team making it through to the next round on Friday March 3rd in Athlone. We wish them well in this competition.

Bricks4kids: The Bricks4kids sessions finished up on Monday February 20th. This was the last of the five sessions we have had since we returned to school after Christmas. All the children seemed to really enjoy this activity. As well as providing valuable learning in STEM, the activity generated a strong feeling of positivity and wellness among the children.

First Communion Preparation Masses: The First Communion preparation masses started on Saturday, February 18th. First Confession will be on Tuesday May 16th and First Communion is on Saturday May 20th. All masses are being organised by the Parish Catechist, Mrs Jacinta Brady. If your child cannot attend due to illness etc please contact Jacinta at 0866059069

LauraLynn Christmas Collection: Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Jumper Day in December. A total of 264 euro was collected for this worthy charity.

Used Clothing Collection: Thanks to everyone who dropped off clothing for the Used Clothing Collection which we organised before Christmas.

Ash Wednesday: Fr Pat came to the school and gave ashes to everyone on Ash Wednesday

Swimming success: Well done to Luke Donohoe, 5th class who represented the school in the Connacht Minor Schools Championships in Galway at the end of January. Luke has now qualified to swim in the National Aquatic Centre in late March and we wish him every success in the 50m butterfly competition.

Confirmation Preparation: The children in 5th and 6th classes will have their enrolment mass for Confirmation on Sunday March 5th in Legga Church at 11am. Confirmation will be on Friday March 24th at 2pm.

Stay Safe: All classes are currently doing the Stay Safe programme. Based on the various discussions happening in the classrooms, it could be very helpful for the children to learn a phone number for their parents or even if they can't remember the number then write it on a label inside their jacket or coat.

Sponsored Walk: We hope to hold our annual sponsored walk on Friday March 31st (the day of the Easter Holidays). Each child will have a sponsor card which they should return to the school by Friday March 31st. Where there is more than one sibling attending the school, if your children would like to return one per family that is fine or if the children are willing to split the money they get in sponsorship over more than one card that's fine too. At the end of the day, it's not a competition between siblings and we just want everyone to participate. The money raised will be put towards the cost of the new yard markings which have been done at the school in recent days.

Communications with school: The best way to make contact with the school is through the Aladdin App or the school email. The email addresses previously used by the teachers are no longer operational. Messages received after 9:30 am may not be seen by the class teacher until the end of the school day.

Internet safety talk: The children from 2nd class upwards will be having an internet safety talk by a representative from Cybersafekids.ie in the coming weeks. A talk is also being planned for parents from all classes. We will let you know as soon as a definite date has been selected.

Report from BoM meeting:

- The Board have agreed to explore the possibility of setting up a Relaxation/Calm Room in the school.
- The following policies were ratified at the meeting: Anti Bullying, Attendance, Admissions. All policies are available in the school.