



May 31, 2013

Dear all,

We are racing towards the end of the academic year and the weather is beginning to show promise! Fingers crossed.

Please remember there is no school on Monday the 3rd, Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 5th of June.

Our sponsored walk will be on Monday the 10th of June and our sports day is on Tuesday the 11th of June.

A timetable of events for sports day has been attached to this newsletter. Please take the time to read it to ensure you know when your child is taking part.

The parents' committee will host a vintage cake sale on that day with tea and a cake for sale at €2. The children can bring in cakes and buns on Monday the 10th of June. Any other nonperishables can be brought in from now onwards. Children will be able to purchase goodies on sports day after they have completed their events. A raffle for the adults will be held on the day also. 1st prize is a €50 voucher for McFaddens, 2nd prize is a 30 minute massage for Monica Tolan's. More prizes to follow.

Class teachers will escort their class to the hall when it is their time to go to the cake sale. Please do not bring your child to the cake sale as each teacher will have a time slot allocated to attend. Otherwise all the cakes will be gone before the older classes can get their chance to buy.

The parents' committee have organised a 'guess how many sweets in the jar' competition. Children can have a guess for 50c. The winner gets the jar of sweets. 2nd prize is a €10 voucher for Smyths and 3rd prize is a voucher for PJ's Playcentre for two children for one and a half hours. Each class teacher has a sheet for the guesses.

Again please remember your voluntary contribution if you can. So far 95 families have contributed; there are 240 families in the school. A reminder letter went home to each family this week. Please ignore the letter if you have already contributed.

Now all we need is sunshine for Monday the 10th and Tuesday the 11th so do your best! Say some prayers, put out the child of Prague statue or whatever you think might work!

Mrs Murphy

Reminder:

School is closed this Monday 3rd, Tues 4th and Wed 5th of June.

School starts @ 9.20 am

Communion

The communion was very successful with all the children looking so well. They sang and read and conducted themselves beautifully throughout the whole event. There was a great atmosphere back at the school for the communion breakfast. Many thanks to the parents' committee for organising this once again.

Confirmation

I would like to give a special mention to the children who made their confirmation and who donated money to Varanasi. They were very generous with their contributions. Well done.

Parents' Committee

The copper trail was a great success. The school raised € 695. There was fierce competition between the junior classes to have the most copper but the winning classes were Ms Coyle's and Mr Callaghan's. Well done to them. They got a night off homework and extra play.

Important dates for your diary

Sponsored Walk: Monday the 10th of June

Sponsorship cards should be returned to school no later than Monday the 17th of June. The class who collects the most money will get 30 minutes extra play with their choice of PE equipment.

(Sports Day : Tuesday the 11th of June

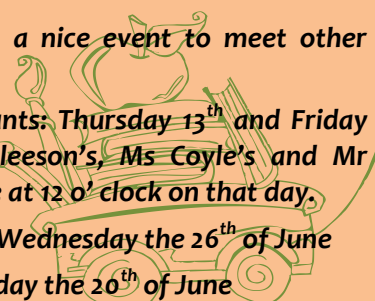
Time table attached.

For new parents this is a nice event to meet other parents.

Induction for new entrants: Thursday 13th and Friday the 14th of June. Ms Gleeson's, Ms Coyle's and Mr Callaghan's will go home at 12 o'clock on that day.

Second hand Book Sale: Wednesday the 26th of June

Graduation Night: Thursday the 20th of June



Green Flag

Ms O Mahony, Karen Callan, Cian Fanning and Seamus Cassin travelled to Croke Park to receive our fifth Green Flag for our work on Climate Change. We will have a further celebration in the school at a later date where we will officially raise the new flag.

Cross Country on the Track?!

The children experienced running on the track in Morton Stadium with both the boys and the girls proving that they can run! Well done to the boys who had many in the top ten and especially Conor Dolan for coming third in his race in a very competitive field. The girls again had many top scorers. It was a great day for athletics. This is a good sport to participate in as we do not pick teams for cross country. We bring as many as we can fit on the bus. This is to encourage the children to try this sport with the emphasis on participation.

Cricket

The boys' cricket team won their one day series. They were very proud of themselves. Thanks to Ms McGovern for looking after the cricket.

Soccer

Mr Callaghan coaches the soccer team and they are through to the semi- final of the Pegasus Cup. This is a great achievement as it is our first time to participate.

Discover Science and Maths Award

We received our fourth award this week. Thanks to all the staff and children for their hard work especially Ms Farrell and Ms Calnan.

Lost Property/ clothing

All items must be collected before June 21st. After this date they will be in a swap a shop day on Wednesday the 26th of June. This will involve 'uniform swap day'. If you donate a piece of uniform you may take a piece of uniform. Lost property has good quality pieces of uniform. Recession buster!

Ms McCrudden's class are celebrating Paddington Bear's birthday this week with a Teddy Bears' picnic.



GAA

Congratulations to the Senior Girls' GAA team who made that trip to the final in Parnell Park. The whole school from 3rd up to 6th went along to support the girls. Unfortunately they were beaten on the day but showed great fight and determination through to the final whistle.

The future looks bright as our junior girls made it to the quarter finals only to be beaten by an experienced Dunboyne team. Next year they will come back fighting !

Thank you to Ms Coyle and Ms O Mahony for their dedication and hard work.



Tennis:

The girls made it to the semi-final and played so well. Better luck next year girls.

