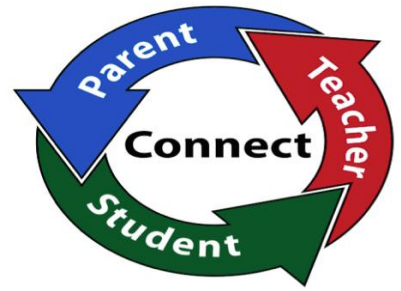


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Mass in Memory of Mary Culleton

The school community will celebrate a mass in memory of Mary Culleton on Tuesday 28th of May at 11am. Mary dedicated many years of service to Scoil Aodh Rua agus Nuala, both as teacher and as principal. Her hard work and passion for education were inspiring.

All members of our school community are welcomed to join us on this day. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be served after the mass in the Parish Centre.

Parade Success

The entire school community came together for a vibrant St. Patrick's Day parade in Donegal Town, marking the town's 550th anniversary. Scoil Aodh Rua Agus Nuala, honouring the town's founders, claimed the top spot, showcasing various elements of the town's rich history, from its founders to historical events and traditions. Congratulations to all involved.



Congratulations – All-Ireland Quiz Success

Congratulations to our outstanding Credit Union Quiz Team—Conor Mc Groary, Ciarán Mc Glynn, Heidi Davies, and Luca Quinn—for securing 2nd Place in the all-Ireland Credit Union Quiz held on April 7th at the RDS, Dublin. Their exceptional knowledge, teamwork, and dedication were evident as they competed with teams from across

the country. A big thank you to the teachers and families for their unwavering support and guidance and to all the students who participated in quizzes this year, well done! It's a remarkable accomplishment for our school and county.



Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to all our students who completed their Confirmation on Saturday 13th of April in Clar Church. It was a beautiful celebration for all. Thank you to all the teachers, sna's and families who made it a special occasion.

Promotional Video

We're currently producing a promotional video for our school, with assistance from Declan Gallagher Media. We'll share it with our school community once it's finished.

Nature Heroes Update

A final application has now been submitted for our Nature Heroes. Well done to all our pupils and staff who helped deliver this wonderful programme throughout the year.

Parents' Association Updates

Dear Parent's/ Guardians,
I'd like to start by saying the Parent's association thank everyone for turning up and showing such strong support for the St Patrick's Day Parade, although a month away

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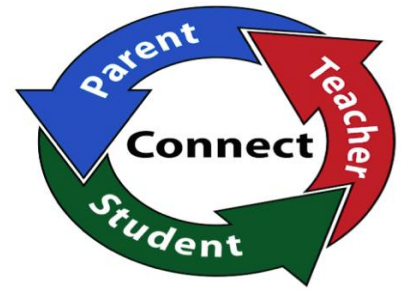
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already it will be remembered with great fondness for a long time.

Post First Communion Mass Refreshments

In keeping with tradition, we ask that the parents and guardians of those attending First Class will provide the necessary support to provide baked goods and refreshments in the parish centre after the First Holy Communion Mass on the 4th May this year.

This includes setting up the hall in the parish centre at 9.30pm on 3rd May, putting out chairs and tables; the provision of Saturday morning support is needed from 10.30am to get the boilers on and plate up the food, helping with tea and coffee making and tidying up until about 1pm.

The payback being you will be treated to the same service next year.

Internet Safety and Mobile Phone Policy

Many thanks to those of you who both responded to the invite or attended our meeting on the voluntary agreement being proposed by pretty much all Parents' Associations nationwide in response to the Minister for Education's letter which all primary schools received.

We have a volunteer, namely James Shovlin to take the lead on communicating with other schools locally so we have a wider, more joined up approach to this as recommended in the government issued guide which is available online:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/ece25-keeping-childhood-smartphone-free/>

The next stage for this process will be liaising with other schools and see if we can get a town wide agreement for this voluntary policy.

More updates will follow here in the monthly newsletter, I encourage you to join the Parents' Association WhatsApp Group at the link below if you haven't already done so, to keep fully up to date.

Parents WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I9zTuxuel1HBOzRQA6h9zf>

Yours Sincerely,

The Parents Association

Active Schools/ Sports Activities



Fifth and Sixth Class were extremely lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Basketball Ireland over the last four weeks.

To mark the end of our very successful 'Run Around Europe', the senior classes enjoyed a leisurely walk along the Bank Walk on the last day of term.



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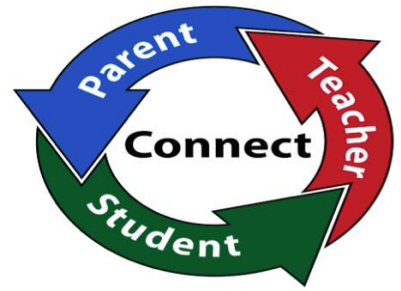
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Each class travelled to a different European city. It was amazing to see such a significant improvement in the children's fitness levels in just four weeks!

Seachtain na Gaeilge/Active Flag

The senior classes participated in the annual dance showcase to mark the end of a terrific 'Seachtain na Gaeilge2024'.



Half-Time Game in Derry – Well done!

A huge congratulations to Matthew Phillips, 5th Class who was selected to play at half-time in Derry on Saturday evening. Matthew undertook trials recently with CLG Dhún na nGall, in partnership with Cumann na mBunscol Dhún na nGall, where his skills were put to the test, alongside many other candidates from schools all over the county.

Music Lessons

These are continuing this term in our school.

Health and Safety

Children are reminded to use caution at pedestrian crossings. Please press the button, wait for the green signal to cross, and ensure that traffic has stopped before stepping off the footpath. Thank you for your continued support.

Standardised Tests

Standardised Tests will be administered from 1st – 6th class as pre-arranged between the 21st and 23rd May 2024.

School Reports

End of year progress reports will be issued to all families in June. A date will be communicated in May.

Dates to Remember

First Holy Communion 4th May 2024 in St. Patrick's Church @ 11.00am.

May Bank Holiday & Discretionary Day - Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th May. School closed.

June Bank Holiday & Discretionary Day – Friday 31st May & Monday 3rd June. School closed.

Summer Closure: School will close on Wednesday 26th June at 12.30pm.

School will re-open on Wednesday 28th August 2024 for all pupils. Calendar to issue in June.

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