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## **Muff NS Newsletter February 2024**

**Sacramental Classes:** Pledge Mass for 6<sup>th</sup> Class will be held in Muff this Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> Class and their parents/guardians are asked to attend.

2<sup>nd</sup> class will have their Ceremony of First Penance on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Muff Church. Parents will have received all the relevant information from Ms. Campbell.

Both Communion and Confirmation Class pupils will have their Service of Light on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Muff Church. Pupils are asked to bring their Baptismal Candles to the Service. If you are unable to find that candle, please just bring a similar-sized candle on the evening.

Confirmation takes place on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30pm. Communion takes place on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Time to be confirmed.

**Confirmation Retreat:** The annual 6<sup>th</sup> class retreat will take place on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Centre, from 9:15am to 12:15pm. The school will contact 6<sup>th</sup> class parents/guardians to arrange pick-ups and collections.

**Quizzes:** Well done to our quiz teams who took part in the Credit Union Quiz in Kingscourt last Friday. Our Junior team consisted of Odhrán Byrne, Dáithí Burns, Hannah McKenna and Chloe Burns. Our Senior Team had Eimear Byrne, Jack Taylor, Niamh Reilly & Ava Sharkey. Both teams represented the school impeccably. We wish the winning teams all the best in the latter stages of the competition.

We will have three teams entering the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz next Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>. The teams are: (A) Jack Taylor, Caitlín Canavan, James Lennon & Odhrán Byrne. (B) Joe O'Malley, Jack Reilly, Méabh Shiels & Nicole Lay. (C) Tadhg Burns, Niamh Reilly, Nadine McKenna & Fionn McKenna.

Many thanks to Gillian who helps to prepare all the teams.

### **Sport:**

**Handball:** – We had outstanding success in the recent Cavan Handball Championships. Sarah Reilly won the U11 singles title. Katie Hughes won gold in the U13 singles competition, and Ava Sharkey and Sophie Yore took home the gold in the U13 doubles. They will now go on to the Cumann na mBunscol Ulster Finals in Belfast next Wednesday. We wish them the very best of luck.

The full squad for the competition was Kyran Tully; Eimear Smith; Lucy Hurt; Charlie Reilly; Jack O'Malley; Fionn McKenna; Shane Hughes; Sarah Reilly; Fionnbarra Raymond; Méabh Shiels; Cillian Hughes; Philippa Fitzsimons; Ellen Monaghan; Liam Fitzsimons;

Katie Hughes; Darragh McElroy; Aimee Reilly; Jack Reilly; Ava Sharkey; Lúcas Shiels; Conor Smith & Sophie Yore.

A big thank you to Mr. Kiernan for organising and facilitating the children's attendance at this. His passion for handball really does come through and this undoubtedly rubs off on the children as well.

**GAA:** We are in the fortunate position to have Benny attending the school each Wednesday to deliver GAA coaching. This term it is Mr. Kiernan's and Ms. McNally's classes who are participating.

**Soccer** – The 5-a-side school competitions take place in March for both boys and girls. We will be choosing the teams over the coming weeks.

**Swimming:** – Swimming lessons will begin during on Tuesday next, February 6<sup>th</sup> in the Aura Leisure Centre in Navan. Attending in the first group will be Mr. Buckley's 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Campbell's 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Miss Swinburne's 1<sup>st</sup> classes. It will be each Tuesday for 6<sup>th</sup> weeks. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes will begin their lessons after Easter. More details on this to follow.

A big thank you the Parents Association who are helping to subsidise the costs involved. Please see notice on Aladdin Connect regarding participation in swimming.

**Parents Association:** Last week I had the opportunity to discuss plans for the remainder of the year and other school issues with members of the Parents Association Committee. There will be several events taking place that we will keep you informed of. Please note their annual Cake sale will take place after Mass on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of wonderful treats on sale. This is a great excuse to indulge your sweet tooth and support the school at the same time. We will be looking for volunteers to bake some treats – more information will be given on this soon.

**Grandparents Day:** An important day in the school year is Grandparents Day. On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January we were delighted to host the grandparents of the 6<sup>th</sup> class children. We thank them for making the special effort to come and visit us in school. There was lots of colourful art, poetry and historical artefacts on display. There was an afternoon of great conversation, and everyone really enjoyed the special occasion. A massive thank you to Alison & Therese who helped to organise the hall and served tea and coffee on the day.

**Reminder:** We would remind parents that if they require to speak to a class teacher that they ring Gillian in the office to make an appointment. This is to ensure that conversations can be held in private and that the appropriate time can be set aside to facilitate the conversation.

**School Calendar:** Below is a calendar for the rest of the year.

February Bank Holiday – Closed Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>

February Mid-Term – Closed Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>

**Polling Day – closed Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

St. Patrick's Day – Closed Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>

Easter Holidays – Finish Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 - Re-open Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>

May Bank Holiday – Closed Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Monday May 6<sup>th</sup>

June Bank Holiday – Closed Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> and Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Summer Holidays – Finish Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 12pm

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