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Muff NS Newsletter April 2024

Sacramental Classes: Sunday March 3rd saw children of the parish make their Confirmation. It was wonderful to see all the children and their families enjoy this special occasion. Many thanks to Fr. Gerry and everyone who has helped all the children through their journey of faith.

Final Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion will be held on April 27th at 7.30pm in Muff Church. The First Holy Communion Mass itself takes place on Saturday May 25th at 11am.

Graduation Mass: The 6th class will have their Graduation Mass on Saturday June 15th at 7:30pm. There will be a short reception afterwards in the hall.

Parents Association: The P.A. hosted their annual bake sale and raffle in the school hall on Saturday February 24th. The support this event received was amazing and there was a great buzz in the school hall on the night. The empty tables at the end of the night were a sure sign that the baking was appreciated by all. The array and variety of baking was fabulous. Many thanks to all to organised and participated in this event.

There will be a clothes collection on May 7th -9th.

The P.A. will once again be hosting a Fun Family Walk on Sunday May 19th. We will give more details of these events closer to the time.

Sponsored Walk: We held our annual Sponsored Walk on Friday the 22nd of March. This is the one fundraiser run directly by the school and has always provided us with much needed funds for items such as art equipment, buses for sporting events etc. The weather was on our side for the morning, and it was a wonderful way to finish the school term. We raised an amazing total of €3808.85. We would like to thank all families who contributed to this event and to the Parents Association who provided refreshments for the children.

School website: I am sure by now you have already noticed a change to our school website. A lot of work has been put in by Gillian over the past few months to have this up and running this school year. You will all agree it looks fantastic and it is a great platform for the school to communicate to parents. Please visit <https://www.laraghmuffns.com> for regular updates, photos and events calendar.

Stay Safe: This hugely important programme will continue to be taught this term to all classes. The topics and themes that are discussed are available online. The 6th class will also be taught specific aspects of the RSE Programme during this term.

Car Parking: We hugely appreciate those who follow the car parking system that we have in place, both in the morning and at 2:00 & 3:00pm. We would ask that nobody parks at the side of the road where the cones are. We would also like to remind parents that cars should not drop off or pick up at the school gate or across from it.

Lots of Socks: To celebrate world Down Syndrome Day we celebrated Lots of Socks Day on March 21st. The children dressed up in odd socks. Please see our website for photos.

Sport: Swimming has started for Group 2 this week. Aquatics is an integral part of the P.E curriculum and the coaching helps develop confidence and is an incredibly important life skill in a safe environment. We would like to thank the P.A. for their continued support in subsidising this for the school.

FAI 5 aside Competition We have entered both boys' and girls' teams into this competition again. Wednesday 10th April saw two girls' teams brave the elements and compete in the competition in Bailieborough. Muff NS gave a brilliant account of themselves, and we were lucky to have a successful team win their group and they will now proceed to an all-county final April 30th. A big thank you to Ms Campbell and Gillian who managed the teams on the day. Please see our website for photos.

We have entered two boys teams into this competition also. They will be playing their games on Thursday April 25th. We wish them good luck. Keep an eye out on our website to see how they get on.

Our GAA teams will begin their football leagues this month under the guidance of Mr. Kiernan & Ms. Swinburne. There will be matches coming up – more details to follow soon.

Standardised Tests: These tests will be taking place from May 27th – June 6th. While by no means do they paint a full picture, they do give both teachers and parents an indication of how their child is progressing.

Art Competitions: The lead up to Easter saw the children really hone their art skills. As a school we were lucky to avail of a variety of art competitions that had excellent prizes. Well done to all children who participated in the competitions. Please see below the winners we had for each.

Doran Motors Competition – Rachel Greene 2nd Class – Well done!

Kingscourt Stars Competition - Congratulations to Thomas Grace 5th Class, Sean Reilly 5th class, Philip Curtis 5th class, Aoibheann McCabe 5th class, Noah Farren 2nd class, Sophie Tinnelly Senior Infants, Lily-Mae Sheridan 1st class, Saoirse Burns Junior infants & Oisín Barry 1st class who were all winners in the recent Seanfhocal colouring competition organised by Kingscourt Stars.

Kingspan Art Competition - Well done to Danny Lay 2nd class and Meabh Shiels 5th class who were successful in the Kingspan Art Competition this year. The standard was very high, and all children really enjoyed working on this. They will attend a presentation night in the coming weeks.

6th Confirmation Retreat: Fr. Gerry has confirmed that the Confirmation retreat will be held for 6th class on April 24th in the parish centre. This was due to be held before the children made

their Confirmation but due to unexpected events had to be cancelled. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to avail of this and we thank Fr. Gerry for organising it.

6th Class Non-Uniform Day: The children in 6th will be hosting a non-uniform day for their class on April 26th. All Confirmation pupils of the parish have been asked to make a small monetary donation to help the people of Gaza during this time. The Confirmation children have decided to have a non-uniform day as it is a good way to raise a small amount of money that will be presented to Fr. Gerry and Thomas Kilduff on Wednesday April 17th. We would ask that any 6th class child who would like to make a small donation would do so by Wednesday April 17th.

School Tours: Please see below the dates and locations for the school tours for this year:

Junior & Senior Infants – May 21st Crystal Maze

1st & 2nd Class - June 14th Dublin Zoo

3rd & 4th Class - May 28th to Tanagh.

5th Class - June 12th Bay Sports

6th Class - June 6th Glasnevin Cemetery, Croke Park & Bowling

School Calendar: Please find the calendar for the remainder of the school year.

Standardised Testing will take place – May 27th to June 6th.

May Bank Holiday – Closed Friday May 3rd and Monday May 6th

June Bank Holiday – Closed Friday May 31st and Monday June 3rd

Summer Holidays – Finish Tuesday June 25th, 2024, at 12pm