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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We are nearly at the end of another school year and I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. Please find below some upcoming events and a copy of updates presented to the Parent's Association at their meeting at the beginning of the month. I have also attached the Board of Management school plan priorities for the 2025-2026 school year and the status of each project.

Upcoming Events

1. **Green Day** - This Thursday, the 11th of June, we have a Green Day with community litter picking, a scavenger hunt and other environmental activities taking place throughout the day. Our 6th class are fundraising for their yearbook, so children can wear green clothes if they wish and donate €2 each on the day.
2. **Electrical Works** – Our school has been sanctioned for an electrical works upgrade, with a total value of approximately €300,000. This is to upgrade the electrics in the school on a par with the additional retrofit works, which took place last summer. As soon as I have a timeline for the works, I will let you know.
3. **Sports Day** – Sports Day is now on next Wednesday, the 17th of June, rather than Tuesday, the 16th of June, as stated in the previous letter with term 3 dates.

Recent Updates

Parents/ Guardians

1. A huge word of thanks to the Parent's Association (PA) for the recent Slane Castle 5K trail walk/ run. It was a great day. Thanks to the committee and volunteers for all their preparation and work in advance and on the day. It was a bonus to get good weather on the morning.
2. Thanks also to the PA for the tea and coffee after the First Communion ceremony in May.
3. Many thanks to the Parents' Association, including the book rental sub-committee, as ever, for all the work throughout the school year. All the work is very much appreciated.

Curriculum Activities

1. We have applied to implement our first of five new curriculum subject specifications in September 2026 but still await a decision on which subject area it will be. There will be four inservice days for the new subject in the next school year but we will only learn these dates in autumn. I will inform all parents as soon as I receive them.
2. Pupil expenses, school reports, and the allocation of classes have been communicated for the coming school year.
3. The staff have been engaging in year two of three to enhance the provision of music in the school in a process known as School Self-Evaluation (SSE). An update will go up on the school website before the end of the year.
4. First communion took place in May and all went well.
5. Transitions – this month we will receive Mo Scéal É, a transition document from incoming junior infants and parents and we in turn will forward the Educational Passport document, written by 6th class pupils and their parents, to each 6th class pupil's secondary school.



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6. The school concert took place recently in school. There were 46 acts in all and it was a very enjoyable concert.
7. A drumming workshop was held last week for all classes, as part of the Creative Schools initiative.
8. Active and Wellbeing Week takes place in the third week of June. We have tennis lessons, dance fitness workshops, and sports day on that week.

Other School Life Matters

1. Senior infants hosted the May assembly, supported by some 5th class pupils.
2. A number of classes have completed their school tours and more take place this month
3. Our school entered a spring GAA league for schools in Navan this year. It concluded with a blitz day in Simonstown Gaels GFC yesterday.
4. I can confirm that there was one bullying allegation substantiated in this school year. In that event, the allegations were investigated and substantiated, pupils were brought together, parents contacted and follow up meetings carried out. We are satisfied that a resolution was found and that the pattern of behaviour ceased.
We have, of course, had many more relational difficulties between pupils, some of which have involved regular engagement and monitoring. However, they did not meet the threshold for bullying. We are reinforcing the messages on our pupil friendly Bí Cinéalta policy on a regular basis.
5. We will have a two-week summer programme in the school for children with additional needs and a one week summer camp in the school at the beginning of July.
6. Groundworks for the outdoor structure in the senior playground are due to commence in the last week of June with construction beginning immediately afterwards.
7. The Community Centre car park works will be completed in phases. Phase 1 will be the area behind the Harris fencing, nearest the Centre building. Phase two will be the current school car park. This work will not take place until activities in the school have finished in July.
8. A school caretaker and cleaner vacancy will be advertised shortly. I will forward the link to all parents, as well as The Community Hub also, when available.



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