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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we enter into the busy last few weeks of the school year I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Over €1500 was raised in the recent bake sale which was a great success. Thanks to all the children, parents and teachers who baked goodies for the day. Also, thanks to Mr. Beirne and the children of 5th/6th class for all the artwork/posters in the lead up to the cake sale and for organising the event.

Well done to all the children who recently made their First Communion. It was a lovely ceremony and the children made their parents and teacher very proud. It was lovely to see the return of the tradition of refreshments in the '98 Hall after the ceremony. Thanks to the Parents Association for providing the lovely cake and a big thanks to the parents of the previous years First Communion class who paid for all the decorations, provided all the tea, cakes/buns, prepared the hall in advance and for cleaning up afterwards, especially, as some had other commitments the same day. We hope this tradition can be continued in the years to come.

Congratulations to our mixed GAA football team in reaching the final of the Cumann na Mbunscol championship. Our team did themselves, their parents and school very proud. Unfortunately we weren't a match for Clondra on the evening but we hope the children will take positives from their experiences and that reaching the final will stand to them as they strive for future successes in whatever sporting activities they get involved with in the future.

Congratulations to our recent Scór participants in reaching their respective finals to take place in Abbeylara Parish Centre at 5pm this Friday, 10th June. Best of luck to all the children involved.

With the lifting of COVID restrictions, we are delighted that our children can once again enjoy their school tour. Junior Infants to 2nd Class are going to Longford Leisure Centre on Wednesday 8th June. On Thursday 9th June, children from 3rd to 6th class will travel to Athlone I.T. Buses will depart the school at 9am on both days. The menu for the senior tour is attached. A consent notification will be posted on the Aladdin Connect App. Please confirm your consent by ticking the box attached to the notice.

This Friday 10th June, we are delighted to invite our former principal, Dolores Tuohy back to our school for a farewell evening commencing at 7pm. Parents and pupils past and present are invited to come along. Refreshments will be served.

Please be informed that the school will close at 12pm on Friday 17th June as there is a professional training half day for the teaching staff.

Our school has moved to Aladdin Connect which we hope will help improve communication. This will be our main means of non teaching and learning communication from September. You will receive log in codes to set up the Aladdin Connect App. School reports and book lists will be accessible for you to view.

Our Parents Association will be hosting their annual fundraiser on Monday 20th June at 2pm. We would appreciate your support as we look to provide many diverse learning opportunities for our children.

Our school calendar for the new school year 2022/23 has been finalised and is attached below. Our return date is Friday 26th August.

On behalf of the school staff, we wish everyone a lovely summer.

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Damien McIntyre

Dates for Diary

Wednesday 8th June - 9.00am pick up from school - to Longford Coral Leisure Centre - - finishing in Longford at 3pm for return journey to Ballinamuck

Thursday 9th June - departing for Athlone -AIT at 9.00am to Athlone - Leaving Athlone at 4.15pm for return to Ballinamuck

6th Class Graduation Mass 17th June 9:30am

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PA raffle Monday 20th June @ 2pm

Summer Holidays - 21st June @12pm