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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Thursday our school had an incidental inspection. The quality of all teaching and learning observed on the day was highly commended by the inspector.

On February 23rd, Madeline Doyle working in conjunction with Longford Sports Partnership took the children from 3rd to 6th class for Athletics in our school hall.

Our school was represented at the Longford Lights Festival which was held in Connolly Barracks in town on Friday 23rd to Sunday the 25th February. The artist who worked with the school was Anna Wiercioch. Anna also worked with our school for the mosaic pieces commissioned by Longford County Council which formed part of the art display for the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Ballinamuck commemoration last September.

A huge thank you to Ms.Mulligan, Mr.Beirne, parents and of course all the children who took part in the Scór semifinals in Granard yesterday evening. The children represented the school brilliantly.

The final year accounts for the last academic year were shared at a Board of Management meeting last Wednesday evening. A synopsis of these accounts can be made available on request.

World Book day is on Thursday 7th March. Children can dress up as book characters on the day and are also encouraged to bring in their favourite book to be shared with his/her class. Paired reading will take place on the day. This is where the senior classes will be paired up with the younger children to listen to them read and ask questions about the book.

Please note our school will be used as a balloting station for the upcoming referendum on March 8th.

Thank you to everyone for your feedback on the recent google form document sent out in relation to 'Child Safety' at school. Your feedback was very useful in reviewing our current Risk Assessment. Longford County Council have been informed of the concerns we still have as a school community surrounding our car parking and traffic control measures.

St.Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday 17th March at 4pm. The parade will begin at the 98 Hall and make its way through the village. If any children are not part of any group (e.g GAA group, music/dance etc. please email the school).

Our school will be taking part in the mini 7s' in Emmet Park, Killoe on March 13th. The 2024 Cumann na mBunscol Longfoirt Schools' Championships will commence on the week beginning 18th March.

Seachtain na Gaeilge will run from 1st to 17th March.

Hurling will begin after the Easter Break for Infants and 5th/6th class. Cáit Computer Classes for 3rd to 6th class will begin on April 11th

Thank you to Brendan Larkin and Anne Ndofunsu for rolling out the After School French Lessons which began last Wednesday and will run up until the remainder of the school year.

St.Patrick's N.S is now taking enrolments for September 2024. You can download the application form and Admission Policy on <https://ballinamuckns.ie> If you are aware of anyone interested in enrolling their child/children in our school, please let them know.

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Damien McIntyre

Dates for your Diary

7th March	World Book Day
8th March	School Closed Polling Day
14th March	First Confessions
25th March	Easter Hunt / Easter holidays
11th April	Clothes Collection
24th April	Confirmation
6th May	Bank Holiday
18th May	First Holy Communion
14th June	3rd-6th Class Tour
17th June	Infants - 2nd Class Tour
20th June	Half Day (Summer Holidays)

