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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well done to our Ballad Group who represented our school brilliantly in the Scór Finals last week in Abbeylara. Thank you Ms.Mulligan for preparing the children so well.

Well done to the boys from 3rd to 6th class who reached the quarter-finals in the min-7s Gaelic Football tournament held in Killoe last week.

The children from 3rd to 6th class had a fantastic time at the Athletics Day in Longford on March 14th. Congratulations to the girls in 5th & 6th class and the boys in 3rd & 4th class who came in first place in their respective categories.

The Cumann na mBunscol Championship kicked off this week. The boys and girls were fantastic victors yesterday evening in Granard as they overcame a three goal deficit at half time against Kilnasonna to win comfortably in the end. Our next Championship fixture is at home against Aughnagarron on the week we return from the Easter break.

Thank you to Peter Donohoe for donating 3 tyres in aid of our school garden development. We received plans for the garden last week. Over the Easter Break, phase 1- Hard Landscaping will take place. Thank you to Nigel O'Neil (Fás) and Fran McNerney for coordinating.

The MMR vaccination programme for Junior Infants will take place on Monday, 8th April at 9:30am. This will take place in the school hall. A parent will need to accompany their child. Reminders will be sent via Aladdin.

We are having a Cash for Clothes Collection on April 11th. Please keep the school in mind if you are clearing out any wardrobe space/presses at home.

The School Hot lunches programme will begin on Monday, 15th April. Local company Dial-a-chef will be our provider. Further information including how to download the accompanying app will be sent out shortly.

Confirmation Day is on the 24th April at 3pm in St.Mary's Church, Drumlish.

Cait Roscommon will be delivering a computer course to all children from 3rd to 6th class beginning April 11th. The lessons will run for 7 weeks. Further details have been posted on Aladdin.

Representatives from Longford Childcare met with the school's Board of Management yesterday evening to discuss the options to set up an afterschool/homework club. One of the options is for a community group to set up a committee to oversee the running of the homework club. Please complete the poll sent out on Aladdin this morning so we have an idea of numbers for a proposed information evening at the school on Wednesday 17th April. The school's Board of Management is exploring all avenues.

Active Schools Week this year will take place on the week of the 10th of June. School Fitness Ireland, Longford Sports Partnership and Sports Days will take place that week. There will also be in-school competitions taking place and plenty of fun and excitement for the children to enjoy.

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.

Thank you to the Parents Association in advance for organising the Easter Hunt for children in the infant classroom and for providing an easter treat to all the children.

As tomorrow is the end of term, the school will close at the earlier time of 12pm. We wish you and your families a lovely Easter.

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School Principal

**Dates for your Diary:**

22nd March	Easter Hunt / Easter holidays <u>12pm Finish</u>
8th April	MMR Vaccinations -Junior Infants Class
11th April	Clothes Collection
24th April	Confirmation
6th May	Bank Holiday
18th May	First Holy Communion
10th-14th June	Active Schools Week
14th June	3rd-6th Class Tour
17th June	Infants - 2nd Class Tour
20th June	Half Day (Summer Holidays)

