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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter Break.

Cáit Computer Classes began this week for 3rd to 6th class. If you have not done so already please pay installments/full amount set up on our Aladdin App.

A reminder to be vigilant with regard to your child's use and access to social media platforms. Two gardaí visited the school last Wednesday to speak to the children in 4th, 5th and 6th classes

Our Cumann Na mBunscol mixed team have had a great start to the Championship. Our team has played and won their first two games. Our team's next outing is next Tuesday against Aughnagarron in Monaduff. Throw in is at 1pm. Thank you to David Collum for taking the children for training sessions outside of school time.

We will be taking part in a WOW day (Walk On Wednesday) next Wednesday 22nd April. Children and parents are invited to meet at the '98 hall and walk to school. Further details will be posted on Aladdin closer to the day.

We will be rolling out the FriendsResilience programme for all our children beginning next week. 'FRIENDS for Life' is an evidence-based anxiety prevention and resilience building programme. The programme complements the SPHE curriculum. It helps students, aged 8-12 years, to develop resilience by teaching effective strategies to cope with the normal everyday challenges, including worry, stress, change and anxiety. Fun FRIENDS (children 4-7 years) is part of a suite of FRIENDS programmes (including Friends for Life and FRIENDS for Youth), which aim to improve resilience (or coping) skills in children and reduce anxiety and improve mental health and wellbeing. More information on the programme can be found on: [www.friendsresilience.org](http://www.friendsresilience.org)

If you have not done so already could you complete the short google form questionnaire on Child Protection on Aladdin (<https://forms.gle/dPrCcc3HiHqJGQVX6>) to help the school's board of management in their review of the Child Protection Policy.

A poll looking for children to take part in our school choir for First Holy Communion was also sent out on Aladdin at the beginning of this week (see permissions). Could you please confirm if your child is willing to take part in choir practice. Also, your child must be able to attend on the day of the ceremony (16th May). We hope to start practice next week.

Best wishes to Ben Hilton, Chad Gill and Peter McKenna who are excelling in the sports arena outside of school. On Saturday, Ben Hilton will be representing Mellview in the Under 13 Longford League Club Final . On Sunday Ben is in the All Ireland Semi-finals for Longford ETB where they take on Clare. Best wishes Chad Gill and Peter McKenna, representing Gaels Utd in the Leinster U-13s All-Ireland Indoor Soccer Community Games semi final on the 25th April in Keenagh.

Ballinamuck Aftercare are now taking bookings for Summer Activity weeks, starting 22nd June. Full and half days available. Please contact Angela 089 9793132 or via email at the following [ballinamuckaftercare@gmail.com](mailto:ballinamuckaftercare@gmail.com) for more information or to make a booking. Places are filling up fast.

We will have our school calendar for next year finalised and communicated to families through Alladdin by the end of next week.

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### **Dates for Your Diary**

May Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May
School Closure Day:	15th May (Teacher Training Day for the New Primary Curriculum)
Moyne Sports Day:	15th May (5th & 6th class children only) Further Details to Follow
First Holy Communion:	16th May 2026 at 11.00am.
School Tour :	Junior Infants- 2nd Class (inc) 17th June
School Tour:	3rd - 6th Class 16th June