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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The agreed report Following a Board of Management meeting on Wednesday 25th February - Our school authority is delighted with the news that we will receive funding for approximately €64,000 to upgrade our carpark under the Community Involvement Scheme in conjunction with the Department of Transport. The BOM has appointed Mark Cunningham as the consultant to oversee the carrying out of new flooring under the Climate Action Summer Works Scheme (See link below).

www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/services/summer-works-scheme/ We have ratified our 'Administration of Medicine Policy'. The BOM reviewed the current risk assessment document in connection with our Child Protection Policy and updates were made. A google form 'Child Protection Questionnaire' will be sent out on Aladdin this week to consider further amendments.

As part of the 'Say Yes To Languages Programme' for 5th and 6th class, we will be taking part in a video link tomorrow with children from a primary school in Essert, France.

The qualifiers for FAI Schools Primary 5s will take place on 4th March in Longford Rugby Club. Scór is on 5th March in Killoe National School (Note: Scór's Quiz will take place on the evening of Monday 9th March)

On Thursday, March 5th, our confirmation class will be attending a retreat in Longford Cathedral. On the same day, 4th and 5th classes will be spending the morning in Drumlish Library as part of World Book Day.

Schools Athletics Day will take place on Monday, 9th March in St.Mels. Children from 3rd to 6th class will be taking part.

We are hosting an intergenerational day on Thursday 12th March at 1:15pm. Grandparents/parents/families are invited to attend. Each class will perform one or two activities. It promises to be a fun afternoon. Well done to Charley Donnelly, Rylee Kerley and Aoife Cunningham for their winning flag entry to be used as part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ballinamuck St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee are running a fundraiser raffle. Tickets are €2 each or 3 tickets for €5. The draw for this hamper will take place in the school hall on 12th March.

Also, on Thursday 12th March at 7pm, children in 2nd class will be making their First Holy Confession (Note: venue is the school hall).

On Wednesday 18th March children from 3rd to 6th class will be going on a field trip to Edenmore Bog in conjunction with Green Schools. We are trying to promote plastic free in our school for one day per week. We are encouraging children and teachers to limit/refrain from using plastic on Fridays with the exception of the lunchbox!

Aaron Fitzpatrick is our new GAA coach. Aaron will take children from each classroom on Thursdays. Thank you to Fr.Manning Gaels for part funding. Cumann na Mbunscol's GAA mins 7s blitz will take place Thursday 19th March in Killoe. Further details will be posted on Aladdin. We are still waiting for dates/fixtures for the start of the Cumann na Mbunscol Championship. These will now be posted on Aladdin.

The Longford Microsoft Dreamspace Event for 4th, 5th and 6th classes will take place in Edgeworthstown on Tuesday 24th March.

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Damien McIntyre



Dates for your Diary:

First Confession	12th March, 7pm in school hall
Intergenerational Day	12th March, 1:15pm
Confirmation	13th March, 3pm
First Holy Communion:	16th May 2026 at 11.00am.
School Closures:	16th & 17th March, St.Patrick's Weekend
Easter Holidays:	School will close at 12pm on Friday 27th March School will reopen on Monday 13th April