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Dear Parents,

After a busy start to our final term, here are some of our highlights since Easter.

STEAM Team Meath

Our STEAM Team Programme got off to a flying start this month with 7 families from third and fourth class signing up for the first workshop. Parents and children worked together with STEAM Team facilitator Ronan Bennett on a collaborative STEAM activity. A second workshop will be available in the coming weeks for more families to take part.

School Lotto

Congratulations to Donagh Boyle who won our school's Lotto Jackpot of €1400. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and congratulations to all our weekly prize winners to date. Thank you to members of our Parents' Association who are leading this fundraiser. Join now to support our school. <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/standrewscurragha>

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday 22nd of April. All classes enjoyed lessons outside and completed Earth Day activities throughout the day.

GAA

All classes are currently enjoying GAA coaching with P.O. Matthew Brennan. Thank you to Curraha GAA who continue to fund this coaching for our school.

Intercounty Blitz

Congratulations to Maggie Jane and Robyn from 6th class who represented Meath at the Intercounty Blitz in Darver, Co. Louth. Well done girls - we are very proud of you!

Picker Pals

Picker Pals founder Patrick Jackson paid a visit to Ms Gilligan's 1st and 2nd class for a Picker Pals workshop. The children told him all about their experiences using Picker Pals to keep their local area clean and tidy. He was very impressed by the Picker Pals albums where the children's experiences have been documented. A fun morning was had by all!

Our Shoes

St. Andrew's N.S. participated in the *Our Shoes* appeal, collecting 200 pairs of pre-loved shoes for children in need in South Africa. Check out the homepage of our school website for some beautiful footage of our final collection day.
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Active & Wellbeing Week

Our Active Schools Committee and Amber Committee ran a hugely successful Active and Wellbeing Week from 27th to 30th of April. Every day started off with the whole school taking part in Wake Up Shake Up sessions outside. Daily activities included collaborative playground games, a rounders blitz, GAA with Matthew, orienteering activities, a jersey day and GAA

skills session with Meath County players. 3rd and 4th class finished off the fun packed week with a wonderful Wellbeing Fair. They raised an impressive €520 for Pieta House. Thank you to all our teachers for helping make this week a success!

Swimming

As part of the Aquatics Strand in the P.E. Curriculum, 1st to 6th class are currently enjoying lessons in Aura Swimming Pool in Navan. School swimming lessons are vital in helping pupils develop essential water safety skills, build confidence, and support their physical health and wellbeing.

Navan Choral Festival

Congratulations to Ms Hannah Horgan and the school choir who took part in the Navan Choral Festival on 13th of May. They beautifully performed four pieces, namely; *Mary had a Little Blues* and *Gloria!* in the English song category and *Ceol a Mhála* and *Éist, a Stór* in the Irish category. We are so proud of our talented choir and we look forward to many more performances in the future!

Blue Star Programme

Ms Gilligan's first and second class are coming to the end of their Blue Star Programme. During the year they learned all about the countries of the EU. They received a visit from MEP Nina Carberry who told them all about her work in the EU.

Garda Visit

Garda Feargal Harkin visited Junior and Senior Infants and First and Second class today to talk about his role as a community Garda. He willingly answered all of the children's clever and interesting questions!

Deposit Return Scheme

We continue to collect plastic bottles and aluminium cans for the Deposit Return Scheme at our school every Thursday morning at the hall door. Thank you to those who have brought their bottles and cans in to date. Thank you to the members of the Parents' Association who take turns to bring the collected bottles and cans to return stations.

Coming up in /May/June

School Table Quiz

Our Parents' Association are hosting a Table Quiz in Swan's Pub on Friday 15th of May to raise funds for our school.

Book your table:

<https://forms.gle/zsw21mkJS67FMjtBA>

Payment via Revolut:

<https://revolut.me/emmahybrh/pocket/YNIAoqf0is>

First Holy Communion

Children in 2nd class will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 23rd of May at 11.00am. We wish them a wonderful day with their families.

Parents' Association

Our Parents' Association are currently working hard preparing for the Communion reception for families in the hall. All volunteers are welcome to help out.

Primary Curriculum Framework Training

School will close on Monday 8th of June to facilitate staff training in the Revised Primary Curriculum in Navan.

Cumann na mBunscol Track and Field Championships, Claremont.

The annual Cumann na mBunscol Track and Field Championships in Claremont Stadium in Navan will take place on Tuesday, June 9th. We wish our squad all the best representing our school.

School Tours

- Junior Infants to 2nd class will visit Emerald Park on Wednesday, the 10th of June for an action packed day.
- 3rd & 4th class will experience a multi-activity “Let’s Go” Tour at Gormanaston Park on Wednesday 10th of June
- 5th & 6th Class will visit Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre located near Rockcorry, County Monaghan for our bi-annual overnight trip on Friday, June 5th. The centre provides a range of water-based and land-based adventure activities for all.

Junior Infant Visit

Incoming Junior Infants are invited to visit the school on Thursday 18th of June at 2pm. They will get to meet their new classmates and have a play in their new classroom. We look forward to welcoming them to our school for a fun afternoon

Sports Day

We will hold our annual Sports Day on Tuesday 23rd of June. Details of team colours and this year’s memory challenge will be shared with the children soon.

Graduation Day

6th class graduation mass and ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 25th at 11am.

Camp Curragha

Camp Curragha will run from Monday, June 29th to Friday, July 3rd from 9.30am to 1.00pm daily. This camp is open to all children from incoming Junior Infants to outgoing 6th class. Please contact Ms. Ronan or Ms. Kinsella to book a place. If you have signed up but not yet forwarded payment, please do so as soon as possible.

Drop-off and Collections

In light of a recent traffic incident, please use the parish car park when dropping off and picking up children. Children should cross safely at the pedestrian crossing.

Mise le meas,

Catherine O’Connor