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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of our second term, I would like to share some March highlights.

March

World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day at school on March 7th. We came to school dressed as our favourite book characters and enjoyed reading in our library and classrooms, some with pillows and blankets! We got World Book Day tokens to spend on a new book.

FAI 5 a side

Our 5th and 6th class pupils took part in the FAI 5 a side competition in MDL, Navan on March 5th for the boys and March 12th for the girls. Both boys and girls played outstanding soccer, going undefeated in the group stages and qualifying as group winners for the knockout stage. In a highly competitive knock out competition our boys finished 2nd and our girls finished 3rd, meaning we narrowly missed qualification for the next round. It was a very successful day for all and a great pleasure to see the results of our training come to the fore!

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024

We had an action packed Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 11th to the 15th of March. On Monday we created amazing artwork based on Irish 'Seanfhocail' or proverbs. On Tuesday we had our 'Lá na nGeansaithe Peile' where children celebrated our national sport by wearing their county jerseys during football training. On Wednesday we had great fun at 'Biongó' in the hall practising our numbers in Irish at the same time. On Thursday we displayed our 'Seanfhocail' artwork and prizes were awarded to children in every class. Finally on Friday we wore our best green fashion to school for 'Lá Glas'. We had a 'Tráth na

gCeist' in the hall where children showed off fantastic general knowledge answering questions as Gaeilge. In the afternoon our senior school pupils watched the high energy drama 'Sceitimíní' from High Rock Productions and took part in a fun drama workshop as Gaeilge. Bhí an-spraoi againn do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Breathnaigh ar ár suíomh idirlíon le haghaidh go leor grianghraf iontach. www.standrewscurragha.com

Fyffes Fit Squad

Fyffes Fit Squad visited our school today as part of their hunt to find Ireland's Fittest School 2024! They provided a workout for Junior & Senior Infants and 1st & 2nd Class. After 30 minutes of exercise each child was given a nutritious banana and Fyffes sports bag. It was a great experience and we hope to welcome the Fyffes Fit Squad back to our school again.

Run Around Europe

We are taking part in the Active Schools 'Run Around Europe' initiative. We are having great fun getting outside and running laps. So far, Junior and Senior Infants have run to Paris, 1st & 2nd Class have run to Berlin, 3rd & 4th Class have run to London and 5th & 6th Class have run to Oslo.

Daffodil Day

We picked daffodils from our school garden to sell to raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society on Daffodil Day. We planted daffodil bulbs back in October so we are delighted that they have bloomed just in time!

Féile Fichille

Our 1st Master's team are playing in the Féile Fichille in Navan today. We wish them luck in their games. Thank you to Ms Horgan for preparing and accompanying the team to the competition.

Coming up in April

Swimming

- As part of the Aquatics Strand in the P.E. Curriculum, 1st to 6th class will attend 6 weeks of lessons in Aura Swimming Pool in Navan. Lessons will start on Friday 12th of April. The cost of the lessons and the bus to the pool will be €55 per child. An Aladdin link will be sent to you for payment. Parents will have the opportunity to pay for the lessons in instalments if they wish.
- Junior and Senior Infants will complete the Paws Programme where they will learn water safety skills in the classroom.

Leinster Cross Country

The Leinster Cross Country event schedule for Thursday, March 21st has been postponed until mid to late April. We look forward to attending this great event after Easter.

Green Schools Workshops

We continue to work towards our third Green Flag on the theme of Travel. Our travel office Tom from An Taisce, has visited our school to meet the Green Schools Committee and to carry out a Walkability Audit in the school environs. He will return to our school after Easter to carry out two workshops. Details are below. The Scooter Workshop will take place on April 25th. The Food Miles Workshop date is yet to be confirmed.

- **Scooter Workshop - Infants to 2nd class**

Children will learn the basics of scooter safety like how to break, road safety on a scooter and will also play some games. For this children may bring their own scooter and helmet. For pupils who do not have a scooter they can share with a friend.

- **Food Miles Workshop - 3rd to 6th class**

Children will discuss the concept of a carbon footprint and investigate how far our food travels and what we can do to ensure the food we eat has less emissions i.e. buying local, growing food ourselves, eating seasonally.

School Calendar for 2024/2025

Please find attached our school calendar for 2024/2025. This calendar is subject to change at any time by the Board of Management. You will be informed immediately of any changes.

School will close for Easter holidays tomorrow, Friday 22nd of March at 12 noon. School will reopen on Monday 8th of April.

I wish you and your families a happy Easter and an enjoyable break.

Mise le meas,

Catherine O'Connor