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BOOKLIST DEADLINE TOMORROW

If you haven't already returned your son's booklist (and Book Rental Agreement Form), don't forget that tomorrow, Friday 12th June, is the dealine.

Remember

- If you paid online, you must still return the Booklist and the signed Book Rental Agreement Form.
- Even if you are not participating in the Book Rental Scheme, you must still return the Booklist with payment for the School Requirements.



Sports Day



Our annual sports day is on tomorrow Friday 12th June. Boys from Junior Infants to 1st Class attend school as normal for their sports day and boys from 2nd Class to 6th Class should go directly to North Kildare for 9.20 am and should be collected from there at 3pm. For pupils who tra

should be collected from there at 3pm. For pupils who travel by bus, Sean Tracey has been notified. The boys should be dressed in their school tracksuit

and bring their lunch, including drinkS with them.

Footwear

The official code for footwear is black. Please ensure your son's footwear is in compliance. For the last couple of months the rule in relation to black/navy footwear only has been relaxed. However, we are giving advance notice that the <u>only</u> footwear which can be worn from the beginning of the next school year is BLACK. To avoid

ambiguity, this means <u>plain black only</u>, without any lines, stripes, logos in any

different colour. Please keep this in mind when you are purchasing footwear over the summer.



Anticipation is rising and enthusiasm is close to hitting fever pitch as practices and rehearsals are becoming the order of the day.

We strongly recommend that you purchase your tickets as quickly as possible. With only 2 performances (Friday 19th and Saturday 20th June) and strict limits on seating, we are likely to sell out.

Doors open at 7.30 pm each night with the performance commencing at 8.00pm. Tickets are on sale in the PE Hall <u>ONLY</u> (not available through the office) 9.00 am - 9.20 am Monday – Friday.

Prices: Adult €10 Child €5

Family Tickets - 2 adults and up to 4 children (from same family) €25

Not Coming Back?

If you think your son will not be returning to school in September (and you have not already informed us) please contact the school office. It is really helpful to us if we have accurate numbers in planning ahead for next year.

N.B. If you tell us your son might be leaving and your plans subsequently change, he will \underline{NOT} lose his place.

School Policies

Copies of School Policies available on School Website (under 'School/Office') or by request from the school office.

Active Schools Week

This year Active School Week took place during the week $18^{th} - 22^{nd}$ May. Our challenge this year as a whole school was to complete a distance of 70km walk/run/skipping. I am delighted to report that the boys not only reached the target of 70km by Wednesday and so completely smashed the target achieving a total of 119.25 km by Friday!! Well done to all of our classes and teachers involved. Next year we will definitely need a higher challenge.





Reports - Stamped Addressed Envelopes

As previously advised, Report Cards will be emailed this year. <u>However, if you wish to receive a copy of your son's report in hard copy, you must send in a stamped addressed envelope by Monday 15th June</u>

Under 10 Footballers

This year's under 10 footballers enjoyed a good overall season. In the league the boys lost to Sallins and Clane before beating Celbridge with a great team performance. This win put us into a playoff for the semi-finals, but unfortunately, we lost narrowly to Sallins. The boys from 2nd class represented the school in the under 10B Blitz last week in Ballymany, Newbridge. In the league section they had victories over Newbridge and Naas. This meant that they qualified for the final, against a very strong Caragh team. The boys played really well and emerged victorious and were a proud bunch as they arrived back to school with the trophy. This was a fantastic achievement when you consider that most of the players they were up against came from 3rd classes. The future looks bright!

Under 10 Panel: Niall Coogan, James Leigh, Michael Chambers, Joshua Flood, Finn Geraghty, Conor Gillen, Liam Kearney, Aaron Mahoney, Dylan Murray, Paul O'Dea, Cian O'Donovan, Cathal Flynn, Cillian Noonan, Liam O'Connor, Lorcan Parkes, Oisin Beirne, Cian Brody, Matthew Diamond, Daniel Ennis, Daniel Hever, Rían Martin, Paul Morrissey, Frank Murtagh, Cormac Whelan, Ryan Gillen, Jack Egan, Cillian Geraghty, Anthony Mooney, Ian Crawford, Dylan Murray, Sam Horgan, Ronan Martin and Alex Tilly.

Blue Star Programme Award

We are delighted to inform you that the school has been notified that we have been successful in achieving the Blue Star Award. The award, which derives its name from the European Union Flag,

is in recognition of the work by pupils in 5th and 6th class this year. During the year, they have incorporated the study of the European Union – its countries, history, events, etc. Since November, they have incorporated European citizenship across a variety of subjects and have completed project work as well. Certification of the award and, appropriately, a European Union Flag will be presented to the school shortly.





Lost Property

As the end of the year draws closer, we appeal that you ensure that your son is not missing any coats/jackets or uniform items. There is still a good deal of lost property awaiting collection. Anything not claimed by Friday 26th June will be disposed of to charity.

Moyglare Stud Art Awards

Recently the boys from 5th classes took part in the Moyglare Stud 4th Annual Primary Schools Art Competition. The theme of the artwork was Future Champions. This is an activity that Moyglare Stud has organised in conjunction with the Moyglare Stud Stakes which will take place in the Curragh on 13th September.

Ms. Margaret Lundy visited the school today to announce the winners and to present the prizes on behalf of Ms. Eva Bucher Haefner, owner of Moyglare Stud.

The luck, talented prize winners were:-

| 1 st | Aidan John Duffy (Ms. Meehan's 5 th class) |
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| 2^{nd} | Sean O'Dwyer (Ms. Meehan's 5 th class) |
| 3 rd | Harvey McNevin (Mr. Murphy's 5 th class) |



The really good news is that Moyglare Stud has invited the boys and their families to the Moyglare Stud Stakes on Sunday 13th September. It is being organised as a family event and there will be a great variety of child friendly activities provided free of charge ... with something for all ages. The boys will receive the tickets at the beginning of September. Meanwhile, as an extra, immediate thank you for entering, both classes will also be treated to a Scooples Ice Cream cone during the week.

Finally, as a wonderful gesture of support to the school, Moyglare Stud have given us a donation of €1,000. Since the pupils currently in 5th class have been engaged in the Moyglare Stud Art Competition, we intend to target these funds towards 5th/6th class – where the boys will benefit directly from these. A huge "Míle Buíochas" to Ms. Eva Bucher Haefner and Moyglare Stud!