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 7th June, 2022.

Dear Parents,

**First Holy Communion** Congratulations to all those in Mr. Conboy’s class who made their First Holy Communion on Sunday 29th May. Special thanks to Mr. Conboy for all his hard work in preparing the children for this Sacrament. Also special thanks to Fr. Brendan for such a memorable ceremony. Thank you to Joan Tiernan and Ms. Hamiton for the wonderful artwork and decorating the Church and thank you to Ms. Martin for organising the choir and also the pupils who took part in the choir.

**Cumann na mBunscol Exhibition Game** Congratulations to Darragh Lee who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Exhibition Game at the Connacht Final on Sunday 29th May.

**Summer Holidays** The school will close for the summer holidays at 12.30 p.m. on **Thursday 23rd June** for students**.** School buses have been re-arranged to collect the students at this time.

**School Reports** School reports will be sent home with the students on **Friday 17th June.** The reports will be posted out to any student who is absent on that day.

**New Junior Infants** The new Junior Infants will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 21st June** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in order to familiarise themselves with their new school surroundings.

**R.S.E.** RSE Facilitator Flora Duignan will be delivering a R.S.E. programme for the 5th and 6th Class pupils in the school on **Tuesday 14th June** (Letter & Consent Form already handed out). **Parents must sign the consent form in order for their child to participate in the programme.**

**Tennis Lessons** The students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class continue Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke every Wednesday for five weeks. The total cost of these lessons are **€5.00 per student**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/) The remainder of the fees will be paid by the school.

**G.A.A. Training** Stephen Bohan will continue G.A.A. training with 2nd to 6th Class students on Thursday mornings, weather permitting.

**5-a-side Soccer** The students from 5th and 6th class will be going to Lecarrow on Wednesday **8th June, 2022** to take part in 5-a-side Soccer.

**Graveyard Visit** The students from 5th and 6th class will be visiting Ardcarne Graveyard for a local history tour on **Thursday 9th June.** Lunch will be provided by the Graveyard Committee in Lough Key Forest Park. We are asking for a contribution of **€5 per student**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/) Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

**School Tours** On **Friday 17th June** Junior Infants to 2nd Class students are going to Glendeer Pet Farm in Athlone. The cost of the trip is €21.00 each (€8.50 for Glendeer Pet Farm and €12.50 towards bus hire) the excess cost of the tour will be paid from school funds. This payment can be made through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/)**.**

On **Tuesday 21st June, 2022** the students from 3rd to 6th Class will be going to Baysports Centre at the Hudson Bay in Athlone where they will take part in water sports activity. The cost of the tour is €30.00 each (€17.50 for the Baysports Centre and €12.50 towards bus hire) the excess cost of the tour will be paid from school funds. This payment can be made through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/)**.**

**Cycle to Lough Key Forest Park** On **Monday 20th June** the students from 5th and 6th Class will cycle to Lough Key Forest Park and afterwards they will take part in Boda Borg. We are asking for a contribution of **€15 per student**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/) Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

**Music Generation** The Music Generation programme continues for the Junior/Senior Infants and First Class students for the remainder of the school year. We are asking for a contribution of **€10 per student**. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/) Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

**Absence Form** If your child is absent from school for any reason all parents/guardians must complete an Absence Form. Please complete the absence note which is located in the centre of your child’s Homework Notebook or click [here](https://forms.gle/cnKFkdBUT6fDEoJr7) for the online Absence Form.

**Voluntary Contribution 2021/22** The school are requesting a contribution of **€40 per pupil** for this school year**.** This amount goes towards the cost of School Book Rental Scheme, Online subscriptions, homework notebook, art supplies, photocopying and Pupil Personal Accident Insurance. This contribution can be paid through the online system Way2Pay [here](https://www.way2pay.org/). Thank you to those who have already paid this money to the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal.