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20th April, 2023.

Dear Parents,

School Closure The school will be closed on **Monday 1st May** for the May Bank Holiday.

First Holy Communion First Holy Communion for the second class students will take place on **Saturday 20th May at 11:30 a.m. in Cootehall Church.**

Confirmation will be held on **Wednesday 3rd May at 11.00 a.m. in Cootehall Church.** Some students from the other classes will be singing at the Confirmation Ceremony in the Church.

Standardised Testing Standardised testing for 1st to 6th class students will take place in the school the week beginning **Monday 15th May, 2023.**

R.S.E. The teachers will be covering the R.S.E. element of the S.P.H.E. curriculum with all the students during this term. If you have any queries regarding this please feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Cycling Training Programme The students from 5th and 6th Class are taking part in a Cycling Training Programme in conjunction with Roscommon Sports Partnership, starting with a classroom lecture on **Monday 8th May and continuing on Wednesday 10th May, 17th May and 24th May.** The students will learn the skills of safe cycling. The students should bring their bicycles to school on the Wednesdays.

Graveyard Visit The students from 5th and 6th class will be visiting Ardcarne Graveyard for a local history tour on **Thursday 11th May.** Lunch will be provided by the Graveyard Committee in Lough Key Forest Park.

Heritage in Schools Biodiversity expert Shailagh Healy will be coming to the school on Friday 5th May to teach us all about our local woods. On Tuesday 9th May, Michael Bell with the Heritage Council of Ireland will bring Ms. Gilhooly's class on a field trip to Drumhierney Woods. Martina Butler from Heritage in Schools will visit the school on Friday 26th May to teach the students about different bugs and insects.

Tennis Lessons The students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1st and 2nd Class started Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim Clarke **today Thursday 20th April** and will continue every Thursday 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](#) The remainder of the fees will be paid by 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](#) for the online Absence Form.

Swimming Lessons Swimming lessons for Ms. Conroy/Ms. Brennan's Class and Senior Infants in Ms. Tansey's class started in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon on **Tuesday 18th April and will run every Tuesday for 6 weeks**. The total cost per pupil is €54.00 for six weeks (€4.00 for Swimming Lesson and €5.00 for bus hire per week) and the remainder will be paid by school funds. This payment can be made through the online system way2pay [here](#).

Hurling Training Hurling training started on Tuesday 18th April and will continue every Tuesday weather permitting for 8 weeks for 4th, 5th and 6th Class.

Soccer Soccer training continues every Wednesday weather permitting for Ms. McLoughlin's Class, Mr. Duffy's Class and Ms. Gilhooly's Class.

G.A.A. Training Stephen Bohan will start G.A.A. training with Junior Infants to 6th Class students on Tuesday mornings, weather permitting for eight weeks.

GAA St. Michael's Coaches continues GAA training on Fridays weather permitting for Mr. Conboy's and Ms. McLoughlin's Class.

Gardening Lazlo from Knockvicar Organic Centre will be coming to our school every second Tuesday to continue gardening with our students in Ms. McLoughlin's and Ms. Tansey's Class. The next gardening is **Tuesday 2nd May**.

Yours sincerely,

Cian Duffy
Principal.