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15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023.

Dear Parents,

**School Closure** The school will be closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** for the June Bank Holiday.

**Confirmation** Congratulations to the sixth class students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Special thanks to Ms. Gilhooly for all her hard work in preparing the students for this Sacrament. Also special thanks to Fr. Brendan for such a memorable ceremony. Thank you to Ms. Martin for organising the choir and also the pupils who took part in the choir and served.

**First Holy Communion**

**Final Practice:** The students from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class will be having their final practice for their First Holy Communion in St. Michael's Church, Cootehall this Friday from 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m. The students will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests, otherwise the school will organise a bus. First Holy Communion for the second class students will take place on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11:30 a.m. in Cootehall Church.**

**Choir Rehearsal:** The school choir will be going to the Church on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** to practice. The students will walk to and from the Church, weather permitting and should wear high vis vests. We ask that all the choir be at the church at **11:20 a.m. on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

**School Tour** We have organised the school tour for Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Class students on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2023.** We will be going to Just 4 Fun in the Connacht Centre of Excellence. The cost of the tour is €40.00 each (€27.00 for the Just 4 Fun Tour and €13.00 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 which will be set up in the next two weeks.

**Standardised Testing** Standardised testing for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class students will take place in the school this week.

**Cycling Training Programme** The students from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class will continue the Cycling Training Programme in conjunction with Roscommon Sports Partnership on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and 24<sup>th</sup> May.** The students will learn the skills of safe cycling. The students should bring their bicycles to school on the Wednesdays.

**Tennis Lessons** The students from Junior Infants, Senior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class continues Tennis Lessons with Tennis Instructor Tim 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 continues in Aura Leitrim Leisure, Carrick-on-Shannon 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](#).

**Cumann na mBunscol Blitz** Some students from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol girls and boys football blitz today **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** in Elphin. Best of luck!

**Camogie and Hurling Competition** The girls school camogie team and the boys school hurling team played in their Cumann na mBunscol competition on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May in Athleague. Both teams played very well. The girls team got through to their semi-final and the boys team were unlucky on the day and lost by one point after extra time.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Music Generation** The Music Generation programme continues for Mr. Conboy's Class and Ms. Conroy's/Ms. Brennan's Class 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](#).

**Heritage in Schools** Martina Butler from Heritage in Schools will visit the school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to teach the students about different bugs and insects. As the grass may be wet, can students being in wellies or a change of footwear and a coat on the day.

**Say Yes to Languages** Laura O'Neill is coming to our school to teach German to the 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class students every Friday for 8 weeks.

Yours sincerely,

*Cian Duffy*

Principal.