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### February Newsletter

Another busy month in Rashina. Spring is here and pupils are working well with all the staff. The classroom displays show the great work that is taking place. Here is some of the latest news –

- Well done to all the boys and girls from Ms. Moran's room for completing **Literacy Lift-Off** this month. They all read a novel during the programme and incorporated lots of skills into the stations each day.
- **Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)** continues weekly throughout this term. Classes are grouped for this programme as follows –
  - Junior & Senior Infants
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Classes
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes
 Parents are encouraged to discuss the weekly topics at home with children.
- **Swimming lessons** in Clara proved to be a great success. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed their trips to Clara pool this month. All levels were catered for in the pool and it was great to see boys and girls become more independent on each trip.
- There is **a lot of coaching and activities** taking place in school these weeks. It's great to see the boys and girls being so active.
  - Music with Zoe (All classes)
  - Hurling with John (All classes)
  - Basketball with Ciaran (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes)
  - Rugby with Paudge (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes)
- Children from Senior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> class are enjoying **soccer matches** at break times. It's great to see so many children develop their skills and working as part of a team.

- **Maidin Caife** – Save the date- 24ú Márta ar 9.30am! We invite all parents and grandparents in for a **cupán tae nó caife** on Friday 24 March. We will encourage parents to use the *cúpla focal* that will be sent home *i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge. Fáilte roimh gach duine.*
- **First Confession** took place in our parish church St. Colmcille's, Ballinahown on Sunday 26 February. The 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys and girls participated so well in the mass with Fr. Brendan. Lots of preparation was done at home and at school with Ms. Grehan, Ms. Guinan and Mary. First Holy Communion will take place on **Saturday 6 May at 3pm.**
- **Confirmation** will take place at 2pm on Saturday 11 March in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown. The girls and boys are busy preparing for the special day.
- **Junior Entrepreneur Programme** – Ms. Moran's classroom was treated to a very interesting visit from **Pat Lalor of Kilbeggan Organic Porridge Oats** this month. He shared lots of advice with our budding entrepreneurs. The **Showcase Day** will take place on Wednesday 15 March. Girls and boys from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> are putting so much into their unique businesses. Thanks very much to all families for supporting and parents are invited in on the day. Time TBC.



- March will be very busy in school! Here are some of scheduled activities –
  - World Book Day, 2 March

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- **Pancake Tuesday** – All children managed to devour a pancake with tasty toppings! It was especially nice for all who came back from the swimming pool.
- **Rashina Spring Clean** – Children from Ms. Guinan and Ms. Grehan’s room used litter pickers to kindly clean up both inside and outside the school walls. Thanks to all for making everywhere look so fresh!



- Pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes represented the school very well at the **VEX Robotics competition** in Sacred Heart College, Tullamore on Wednesday 1 February. They did us all really proud and finished in the top 10 out of 30 schools.
- **World Book Day** will take place on Thursday 2 March. Pupils are asked to bring in their favourite book. If they wish, they are invited **to dress up as their favourite character or wear in their pyjamas**. We look forward to marking the day in school.



- FAI Soccer 5 aside tournaments, 7 March
- Seachtain na Gaeilge, 1 – 17 Márta
- Confirmation, 11 March
- Clothes Collection, 15 March
- FARMPeat ‘Love Your Wellies’ workshop, 23 March
- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Gaelic Football Blitz, 29 March
- Rugby Tournament, 30 March
- *Maidin Caipe* ar 24ú Márta ar 9.30am.
- **Barnardos Online Safety Workshops** for all pupils from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes will take place on **Thursday 20 April**.
- There is scheduled **Primary Language Curriculum** training for staff this term. School closes for a half-day to facilitate this. This will take place on the afternoon of Friday 31 March. School will close at **12pm for pupils**, which is the day of Easter Holidays.
- There is a system now in place where parents collecting a pupil early (eg., an appointment) during the school day will be asked to **sign the child out** at the office. Thanks in advance for your cooperation in this regard.
- Reminder to all families that morning indoor supervision starts at **8.50am**. The door will not be open before then.
- **School uniforms** are looking very well this school year. Pupils are reminded to wear full uniform except for school tracksuit on PE/ football days.
- The road outside the school is busy as always, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant** at these times and ensuring the safety of all.
- School will be closed on **Friday 18 March** for St. Patrick’s Day. School closes at **at 12pm for all pupils on Friday 31 March for Easter break and reopens on Monday 17 April**.