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June Newsletter 2024

Another school year is drawing to a close. June was a busy one for all our pupils. Here are some things that took place this month -

- **RSE facilitator Mary Hoey** visited the school on Tuesday 4th June. Mary delivered very informative workshops to pupils from 4th to 6th class.
- The lads from **Ferbane Fire Station** visited the Ms. Moran's Senior Room on Wednesday 5th June and discussed all things fire safety, the roles of the fire officer and their daily duties.
- Ms. Bryan's Junior Room school tour went to **Playtown, Tullamore** on Wednesday 5th June. There was great excitement on the bus and in the venue itself. The day was topped off with Supermacs! Super day had by all.
- Ms. Moran's Senior Room school tour was in **Emerald Park, Ashbourne** on Thursday 20th June. Girls and boys had an early start. It was definitely worth it as the park had something for everyone. A great day was had by all the pupils.
- Football/ hurling coaching for all classes every fortnight with coach and Offaly hurler **Lochlann Quinn** took place in Term 3.
- School was closed for all pupils on Friday 7th June for the **Local and European elections**.
- **Sports Day** took place on Thursday 13th June. We were lucky with the weather and the children enjoyed lots of fun and varied activities. It was nice to welcome back past pupils to help on the day. Denise Coghill from Offaly Sports Partnership played pickleball with all classes.

- Big excitement at the visit of **Offaly's All Ireland U20 winning captain Dan Bourke** on Friday 14th June with the trophy. Visitors like this will undoubtedly inspire our pupils to participate in sport.



- 6th class did a super job painting the **school garden** with colourful designs. Thanks to the parents who helped with the garden.
- **6th Class Graduation** took place on Wednesday 19th June at 12pm. Fr. Brendan said a lovely mass in the *halla*. All family members of our 6th class pupils went out to our school garden for refreshments. Thanks to 6th class for their very generous parting gift of **outdoor furniture** to the school. We wish them all the best in the future!





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- The Senior Room went to **Ballinahown Sports Park** on Tuesday 11th June and played rounders and soccer versus Ballinahown NS. A great morning's fun!



- The Rashina NS Family Fun 5k Walk/ Run raised a total of **€9,082**. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our families, sponsors and wider community.
- The two **in-school Gaelic football tournaments** went down to the wire. In the Senior Tournament Dublin beat Kerry after penalties while Dublin also shaded the Junior tournament. Lovely to see so many children progressing their skills this year and enjoying the exercise. **Medals** were presented in the halla.
- We visited **Adrian Egan's farm** on Friday 14th June. It was a great insight to how our farms and bogs can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance biodiversity.

- The Junior Infants **hearing, sight and height** screening took place on Friday 21st June in the school.
- There was no written homework in June. Ms. Grehan's **Wellbeing Bingo** activities was a nice daily alternative for the pupils.
- School uniforms will carry our **new crest** in September. Thanks in advance to all families for organising the new uniform over the summer months in *Perfect Stitches*, Tullamore.
- Our Parents' Association ran a successful **Used Book Sale** in school on Monday 24th June. Funds raised will be used by PA in the new school year.



- Thanks to **Ms. Ennis** who was with us every Tuesday covering the principal administrative day this year. We wish her well in her new role next year.
- The **Health and Safety Statement** was ratified at the BoM meeting on Monday 17th June and is on the school website.
- School finishes for summer holidays on **Tuesday 25th June at 12pm**.
- School reopens for all pupils on **Thursday 29th August**.
- The Board of Management and staff would like to sincerely thank all families for their support this year and wish all our pupils a safe and happy summer!