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Newsletter - May 2024

May was a busy month in school. 2nd – 6th classes are reading five different novels and all pupils completed their end of year tests. Here is some of the latest news –

- The **Rashina NS Family Fun 5k Walk/ Run** took place on Sunday 26th May. It was a great success and a lot of money was raised! Thanks so much to all those who took part on the day. A big thanks to the Student Council and Parent's Association for all their help. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of our sponsors, families and wider community. The work and efforts of so many people made the day possible.
- All classes enjoyed a walk to **Hughie Egan's** farm on Friday 17th May. Hughie kindly donated a calf in the school's name to the **Hooves for Hospice** charity. 6th class picked out a calf on the day. Hughie will rear the calf and sell it next year. We look forward to following its progress.



- There was great colour for **Offaly Jersey Day** on Thursday 30th May. In advance of

- Big thanks to those from 4th – 6th classes who helped out with weekly **football training** for Junior Infants to 2nd Class! They are now helping out officiating the Junior Tournament.
- **Gaelic Football tournaments** are taking place in school in May/ June, both a Junior and a Senior tournament. The Junior tournament has commenced and it's great to see the girls and boys involved.
- **Literacy Lift-Off** in Ms. Bryan's Junior Room finished this month. The six weeks of stations worked really well and children worked on their literacy skills over the course of the programme. The new readers the school invested in earlier this year were very useful and many pupils were reading these each night.
- **Children's handwriting** is displayed outside the classrooms. It is lovely to read the neatly presented work.
- The **Curriculum Evaluation: English** report conducted by DES Inspector Lena Ní Dhuinn on 17th January has been published on www.gov.ie.
- The **Revised Parental Complaints Procedure**, which has to be adopted by all schools, is on the school website.
- **Standardised Testing** took place on the weeks starting 20th and 27th May.
- **School Tours** –
- The Middle Room had a brilliant day in **Let's Go! Athlone** on Wednesday 22nd May.
- The Junior Room will go to **Playtown, Tullamore** on Wednesday 5th June.
- The Senior Room will head to **Emerald Park, Ashbourne** on Thursday 20th June.



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the All Ireland U20 Hurling Final vs Tipperary in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny. Well done to the lads on a great win!



- **Swimming lessons** in Clara finished in May. Children from 1st – 6th classes enjoyed their trips to Clara pool and it was great to see progress made. All children **visited Clara Library** each week and exchanged a library book.
- We played a strong Kilcormac/ Broughal team on Tuesday 7th May in the Cumann na mBunscol hurling. We didn't win but a super achievement to put out a hurling team this year!



- There is **football coaching** for all classes every fortnight with coach and Offaly hurler Lochlann Quinn between now and the end of the year. Pupils from Junior Infants to 6th Class enjoy this.

- **Sports Day** will take place on Thursday 13th June. Denise Coghill from Offaly Sports Partnership will join us on the day and take classes for activities.
- We plan on classes visiting **Adrian Egan's farm** in the coming weeks. This local project will show our pupils how managing our bog land and farmland can lead to enhanced biodiversity and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **6th Class Graduation** will take place Wednesday 19th June at 12pm. Fr. Brendan will say mass in the *halla*. All family members of our 6th class pupils are warmly welcomed to attend. Tea and refreshments afterwards.
- The Junior Infants **hearing, sight and height screening** will take place on Friday 21st June in the school.
- **School uniforms** continue to look well. Pupils are reminded that **navy shorts** are permitted on warm days should they wish to wear them. We plan on having our **new crest** on jumpers for September. We will confirm details of this in the coming weeks.
- 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.
- Reminder that there will no school on **Friday 7th June** as it will be used as a polling station for the Local and European Elections.
- School closes for summer holidays on **Tuesday 25th June** at 12pm.