

**Covid-19 and Level 1 Child Protection**

**Inspection** - DES Inspector Lena Ní Dhuinn visited our school on Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and carried out both **Covid-19 and Level 1 Child Protection Inspections**. We were fully compliant in all areas. Thanks to all pupils, staff and parents for helping keep our school as safe as possible. The full report will be published on the DES website before the end of term.

**Junior Entrepreneur Programme** - The JEP team in 5th/6th class ran a very enjoyable business day in our school yard on May 14th. Thanks to all for supporting the businesses. 80% of all profits made will be donated to **Offaly Hospice**. A cheque for **€576** will be presented in the coming weeks. **'GameBoyz'** was the business selected by the class to represent the school at national level. Virtual ceremony will take place on **June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**Literacy Lift Off** - 3rd and 4th Class are currently participating in Literacy Lift Off. They are practising Reading, Writing and Word Work activities. The teachers are very happy with their progress.

**Standardised Testing** - All pupils from **1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes** are completing their end of year literacy and numeracy tests these weeks.

**Stay Safe** - All pupils are doing the Stay Safe programme this term. Thanks to all parents for discussing the topics during homework and returning the signed worksheets.

**Holy Communion/ Confirmation** - No dates confirmed for either ceremony. It is hoped that Confirmation can take place during the summer months if possible. Well done to both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes on their continued preparations.

**May Altars** - Thanks to all the pupils who brought in flowers to decorate our colourful **May Altars** this month.



**Sports Week** - All classes can look forward to sporting activities within their own bubbles each day on the week starting **Monday, June 14th**.

**Fun Day** - Given that school tours are not allowed this year, we plan on having a **Fun Day on Wednesday, June 16th** for all in the school. The day will include a workshop for each class from Adrian Byrne of 'Make Mosaic'. It promises to be a great day!

**Home Time Outside School/ Pupils Cycling** – It is always very busy outside our school at home time each day. We thank parents for **taking extra care at this time**. We would also like to thank parents for ensuring that all pupils cycling wear **helmets and hi-vis vests**.

**Vegetable Pots** - Many pupils brought home their vegetable pots for outdoor planting over the last few weeks. Happy gardening!

**June Bank Holiday Weekend** - School closed on **Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**.

**School Reports** - An end-of-year school report for each pupil will be sent home in the post on **Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**.

**Summer Holidays** – School closes for all pupils on **Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 12pm** and will reopen on **Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**.