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- Huge congratulation to all the girls and boys from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> on winning the **Cumann na mBunscoil Football Final** in O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It was a hard fought win over Tullamore Educate Together NS on a score line of 5-3 to 1-7. This was a great display of skill and teamwork. All members of the 25 strong panel played on the day. There was great support from families and the children from younger classes. The entire school enjoyed a treat of Supermac's on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to finish off a great week. A particular mention to Andrew Minnock for all his help preparing the team.



- **Tag Rugby Tournament** for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class took place in Ferbane on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. The girls and boys represented the school so well and full length of the field try in our third game was a highlight. The tournament was very well run and all pupils were looked after with treats.
- **First Holy Communion** took place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown. The children were brilliant and all enjoyed the day. Thanks to Ms. Grehan, Ms. Guinan, Mary, Fr. Brendan

- **Friendship Week** was celebrated in school on the week of Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Great work took place in all classes, with lovely artwork and writing on display. Many *Good Friend* awards were given out during the week and all pupils enjoyed the ice-cream van's visit on the Friday!



- A lovely morning for **Junior Infants class of 2023/24** took place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 9.30am – 12pm. It was great to see the boys and girls spend time with their new classmates, play outside on the yard and listen to the Senior Room's big books.
- We welcomed PDST Sustained Support facilitator Nicola Corcoran into our classrooms on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May where she **taught Gaeilge lessons** to all classes.
- **Table Quiz fundraiser in Martin's of Doon on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May was a great success.** Thanks to all for the very generous support. A total of €1,760 was raised. A massive thanks to all those who sponsored raffle prizes on night.
- **Offaly Colours Day** took place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July to show our support for the Offaly U20 hurlers in All Ireland Final on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June. 🇮🇪
- **Barnardos Internet Safety Workshop** for parents will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm here at the school with Paul Hensey. Feel free to spread the word to friends as this should prove a very

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and all families for the preparation and making the day so special. Thanks also to our 1<sup>st</sup> class parents who organised the gorgeous favour bags for both the Rashina and Ballinahown girls and boys. A lovely memento for all.



- The **Gaelic Football tournament** for younger classes (Snr. Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup>) is taking place this week. Great skills on show from Dublin, Galway, Kerry and Tyrone! The tournament for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> will take place next week 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Music with Zoe** (Tuesdays) continues in June. **Hurling with John** finished early due to a lack of hurling coaches in Offaly GAA.
- School tours are as follows. –
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class to *Navan Adventure Centre* on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June
  - Junior/ Senior Infants to *Glendeer Pet Farm* on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class to *Zip-It* on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Sports Day will take place week of 12<sup>th</sup> June. Date will be confirmed closer to the time based on forecast.
- Thanks for supporting the non-uniform day for local charity **Laos Offaly Families For Autism**. A total of €79 was raised and sent to this great cause.

worthwhile evening for any parent with children who are online. Thanks to **Doon GAA** for covering the cost.

- **Sports Day** is set for either Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>/ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Call closer to time based on weather forecast.
- **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation** mass will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 1.30pm. We would love to see lots of their family members present for this send off.
- Reminder that **school will be closed for all pupils on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** to allow for teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum and Primary Curriculum Framework.
- Thanks to all families for **signing up to Aladdin**. School books and copies will be provided by school for 2023/24. A list of books provided will be sent home in June.
- As always, nice to hear children proudly describe their activities outside of school. Well done to the girls who are representing Naomh Ciarán so well at different ages. It is also a busy time of year for those pupils doing music and drama outside of school. It was also great to hear that equestrian honours went to a Rashina NS pupil having being placed third in a show. It is so nice to hear all these stories of boys and girls enjoying wide and varied activities.
- 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. Please also be mindful to keep entrance to house across the road from school clear.
- School finishes for summer holidays on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm**.
- We would like to thank all families for their support and wish all a lovely long **June Bank Holiday Weekend**. We look forward to seeing everyone in school on Tuesday morning 6<sup>th</sup> June.