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September Newsletter

The Board of Management and staff were very happy to welcome all the boys and girls back to Rashina NS on Wednesday 30 August with a special mention to the 11 pupils who started in Junior Infants. Lots has been happening in the school. We are delighted to have Ms. Bryan back as Junior Room teacher this year. As a result of the current job share in school, Ms. Moran will act up as Deputy Principal for the school year and Ms. Grehan will act the Assistant Principal 2 role. Here is some of the latest news -

· Despite the poor weather, we have kicked off our Gaelic football matches. **Girls and boys from 3rd – 6th classes are representing the school very well** in the Cumann na mBunscol competition. It is great to see all the players enjoying playing for the school.



-Fr. Brendan visited the school on Thursday 28 September for a **beginning of school year blessing**. Well done to all the boys and girls for their great reading and singing.

-**Cricket for 1st to 6th classes** started this week on Thursday 26 September. Cricket coach Bernard will visit the school for the next six weeks.

-The **Stay Safe Programme** started in all classes last week and will continue weekly throughout this term. Classes are grouped for this programme as follows –

- Junior & Senior Infants
- 1st & 2nd Classes
- 3rd & 4th Classes
- 5th & 6th Classes

Parents are encouraged to discuss the weekly topics at home with children.



· **Car parking at the Tullamore Show** went very smoothly on Sunday 13 August. Thanks very much to all the parents who volunteered on the day. The school will receive a cheque for €1,000 from Tullamore Show Committee for helping on the day.

-**Clothes Collection** will take place next Tuesday 3 October. Bags can be dropped outside school. Please spread the word to

family and friends as this is always a great fundraiser.

-Unfortunately, the Cake Sale is not taking place on Sunday 1 October as Threshing Day is cancelled. Thanks so much to all those who had committed to

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-**Rugby for 1st to 6th classes** will start back next Thursday 5 October. Rugby coach Paudge will visit the school every fortnight.

· **Infant Hour** from 1.40pm – 2.40pm with Louise Bennett is going very well. The boys and girls from Junior and Senior Infants enjoy playing games with their friends.

· A **big thank you** to all families who have paid the Art & Crafts contribution. Any outstanding money can be paid through the online banking or sent in with your child to the office.

· **County Photos** visited our school this month. The proofs will be sent home shortly giving families different options to buy if they wish.

-6th Class pupils will attend a mass this Sunday 1 October in Ballinahown in **preparation for Confirmation** this year.

· Thanks to all boys and girls for wearing correct uniform, which is lovely to see in classrooms and on the yard, ie., trousers, skirt/pinafore, tracksuit. Reminder that the school tracksuit bottom is the unbranded **navy school jogger bottom**.

-We encourage children to bring a healthy lunch each day and thank families for adhering to this. Children are permitted a small treat on Friday if they wish

baking and helping out. As always, this support is greatly appreciated.

· **Parent/Teacher meetings** are scheduled to take place on the week of Monday 13 November. Your child's teacher will be in touch regarding a date and time for meeting after midterm.

· The school will have **Christmas plays** this year on **Wednesday 13 December**. This promises to be a great evening's entertainment and ask all families to keep it free.

-**End of year standardised testing** will take place over the weeks of Monday 20 May and Monday 27 May 2023. It is important that children are present at school on these weeks.

· The road outside the school is busy, especially at home times. Thanks again to all parents for being **extra vigilant at these times** and ensuring the safety of all.



-October will be another busy month in school with lots of things upcoming including monthly assembly, the establishment of a Student Council and a Narrative Writing competition. School will close for midterm break on **Friday 27 October and reopen on Monday 6 November**.