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Here is some of the news from a very busy June.

- **School Tours** - All classes had great outings on their school tours to Glendear Pet Farm, Navan Adventure Centre and Zipit Forest Adventures. All pupils represented the school so well and had great days with their friends.
- **Junior Entrepreneur Programme** – Well done to all involved in Ms. Moran's room on their work in business this year. The class JEP Project 'Wax & Wicks' received a Creative Pioneers Merit Award certificate. The class also enjoyed the virtual awards ceremony.
- Well done also to the girls from 'Wax & Wicks' and the boys from 'Good With Wood' who set up a **pop-up shop in Centra, Ferbane** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Both businesses sold out their products. It was a great day for the pupils and the school and a special thanks to Phil O'Callaghan and all the staff in Centra for their encouragement and facilitating the event.



- **Sports Day** took place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We were lucky with the weather and the children enjoyed lots of fun and varied activities in their teams. It was nice to welcome back past pupils to help on the day. The ice lollies helped everyone cool down!
- **6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation** mass took place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 1.30pm. Thanks

- There was great excitement in school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> for **the medal presentations**. There were medals given out for Sports Day, in-school Gaelic football tournaments and the main event – our Cumann na mBunscol winners! A special word of thanks to **Cormac Egan and Luke Kelly** for presenting them to the children. They were brilliant with their time and spent 30 minutes signing gear and talking to the children afterwards. Two fantastic role models to visit our school!



- The pumpkins are beginning to grow in the **school garden**. Thanks to 5<sup>th</sup> class and many other pupils for maintaining our garden. Fingers crossed there will be lots of pumpkins to carve at Halloween!
- **Barnardos Internet Safety Workshop** for parents took place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the school with Paul Hensey. It was very informative and Paul stressed the importance of having open communication with your child about what they are doing online. Thanks to **Doon GAA** for covering the cost.
- School closed on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for staff training in the **Primary Language Curriculum and Primary Curriculum Framework**. Thanks to parents for helping to facilitate such closures.
- We had our final day with **PDST Sustained Support** facilitator Nicola Corcoran on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We were delighted to

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to Fr. Brendan for a lovely ceremony. Nice to see family members in to celebrate the special day. Their own unique performance of 'These Days' was particularly impressive! We wish our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils the very best in future and look forward to following their progress.

- The **two in-school Gaelic football tournaments** went down to the wire. In the Senior Tournament Dublin beat Galway with the final kick of the ball while in the Junior Tournament Kerry just shaded the final versus Galway. Lovely to see so many children progressing their skills this year and enjoying the exercise.



- Well done to all the Junior Infants who received their **immunisations in school** on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June from the HSE team. They were all very brave and earned a lollipop each.
- Mary Hoey visited Ms. Moran's room to deliver an age appropriate **Relationships and Sexuality Education** talk with students from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class.
- Ms. Moran's class has kindly pledged to buy an animal to the **Hooves for Hospice** charity from some of the money made during JEP this year. This will be bought in September and we will follow its progress next year.

work with Nicola on Gaeilge this year and this will have a positive impact on teaching and learning going forward.

- Thanks to all families for **signing up to Aladdin Connect**. School reports were pushed out to all families on the app. Other information such as book lists and school calendar were also shared. We hope to have this as our sole form of communication in September.
- Thanks to Junior Room teacher Ms. Henshaw, SET teacher Ms. Bryan, SNA Andrew Minnock and Ms. Nally (who was with us every Tuesday covering the principal administrative day) for all the great care they showed to our pupils and the positive impact they had on the school. We wish them all the best going forward and especially wish Ms. Henshaw every best wish as she gets married this week.
- **Congratulations to Fr. Brendan O'Sullivan** on celebrating the milestone of 30 years in the priesthood. There is a mass for the community to mark this occasion in St. Colmcille's Church, Ballinahown on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm. Thanks to Fr. Brendan for his continued support to our school and pupils.
- School finishes for summer holidays on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12pm**.
- School reopens for all pupils on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> 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!

