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## May Newsletter

### **Dates for your diary/Upcoming events**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May-Be Active commences for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May-South East Cycling lessons for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class commence.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May-First Holy Communion Ceremonies. 10am in Rathnure and 12pm in Templeudigan.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May-Rackard League Hurling v Rathangan at 3.30pm in Rathnure.
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June-Primary Language In-service Day. School closed for pupils
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June-School closed for Bank Holiday.

### **School News:**

- **Congratulations**-Congratulations to Mrs. Keogh and her husband who welcomed a new baby girl called Anna, into their family. We wish Mrs. Keogh all the best with the rest of her maternity leave. Also well done to the cast of 'The girl on the ledge' and John Reilly who had two very successful shows last week. We are especially proud of our pupils who were involved.
- **Green Schools**-We have received the news from the cycling development officer that Rathnure N.S. has been approved for a grant from An Taisce for cycle parking (20 spaces). This is to be installed in the near future. National Bike Week 2016 begins Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June. Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June is National COW Day (**C**ycle **O**n **W**ednesday) and we hope that as many pupils, parents and staff cycle to school as possible! On Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June Noeleen Doyle, our Green Schools travel officer will conduct a fun bicycle day with senior classes. Cycling lessons have started for 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class and on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Noeleen will conduct a bike workshop with pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> class. We continue to encourage pupils to car pool whenever possible, to school /trainings /matches etc. They also might choose to park 'n' stride now that the weather is improving! Thank you to Mrs. Quigley and the Green committee for all their work.
- **First Holy Communion**-Congratulations to all the pupils in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. It was a lovely day and they all looked fantastic. We hope you all really enjoyed the day. A big thank you to 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class who were the choir for the ceremony. We really appreciate their effort and a special mention to those who could sing at both ceremonies. Thanks also to the altar servers who did a great job and to Mrs. Quigley and Fr. Broaders who did a wonderful job preparing the pupils.

- **Mini 7s-** Hard luck to the boys who missed out on a place in the Mini 7s final to Monamolin. Well done on getting so far in the competition.
- **Rackard League-**The boys have won all their matches so far and will take on Rathangan in their last group match next week. This match will take place in Rathnure next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. The girls have won two out of their four group matches. Thank you to Mr. Kinsella, Mr. Wright and Jim O'Connell for all their help with the teams.
- **Tag Rugby-**Tag rugby has now finished for this year. We would like to say a big thank you to Ross Barbour from Enniscorthy Rugby Club for providing the service to us.
- **Be Active-**Be Active ASAP is now up and running for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils. It takes place every Tuesday 3pm-4pm. Thanks so much to Ms. Doyle and all parents leaders and other staff members who are helping us out.
- **Asthma Friendly School-**Colour Day for the Asthma Society of Ireland was a great success and we raised €308.10 in total. Well done and thanks to everyone.
- **Literacy Lift Off-**Literacy Lift Off is a great success in Senior Infants. Our reading and writing is really improving. We would like to thank Deirdre Fallon and Ann Morrissey for their help and time with this initiative and we look forward to welcoming and working with Michelle O'Connor and Gemma Thornton Doyle later this month. Thanks also to Mrs. Murphy and Ms. Doyle for co-ordinating Lift Off.
- **2016/17 school calendar-**Next year's school calendar is now available on the school blog.

#### Upcoming Events:

- **Croke Park-**Best wishes to Jack Redmond who will represent our school on a Wexford team, in a mini game during the Wexford Double header on Saturday in Croke Park.
- **Bree School Sports-**Best wishes to all of our athletes travelling to Bree next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May to compete in the school sports day. A big thank you to Ms. Byrne for co-ordinating and training our athletes.
- **Standardised Tests-**Over the coming weeks 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will be undertaking standardised tests in English and Maths and Gaeilge for senior classes. Standardised tests measure your child's achievement compared to other children in all schools at the same class or age level. The results of these tests will be included in your child's school report at the end of the year.
- **School tours-**The school tours will take place at the end of June. Further details will be sent home through the class teacher.
- **Active Week-**We will be having a school Active Week during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June.
- **Primary Language Curriculum-**A new Primary language curriculum for English and Irish is being rolled out in all primary schools starting in September 2016 from Junior Infants to Second Class. In order to train primary teachers in this new curriculum, each school must have one full day for in-service training this term. We will be having this in-service day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The school will be closed for pupils on this day but the teachers will be in school receiving their training.

#### Parents Association

- Thank you to the Parents Association who through their fundraising have been able to help the school in the purchase of a school set of glockenspiels/xylophones for us to use during our teaching of the music curriculum.
- The PA will also very kindly pay for the school tour buses. This will greatly reduce the cost of the school tours for parents.

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