

## Green Schools



The Green School Committee are reminding everybody of their Waste Free Wednesday initiative.

We are aiming to reduce all waste in all lunch boxes and encourage everybody to make an extra effort every Wednesday to have a waste free lunch – no packaging used. We are very happy with the effort everybody is making so far.

We are also having the upcycle Milk Bottle challenge this Thursday. If you would like to participate please bring your milk bottle back to school for Thursday. There will be a prize for each classroom.

## School Absence

Reminder that when pupils are absent from school parents are asked to fill out the return to education facility form. This can be filled in online or can be printed by parents and returned with the pupil.

If your child is absent for any reason please give a note to the teacher explaining why (Illness/Urgent Family Reason/Holiday/Other).

This is recorded on our online roll system.

## School Tours



Teachers are currently looking at suitable options for school tours.

We hope to bring the children in their bubbles on a tour within County Clare.

Tour activities will be outdoor based.



## Cash for Clobber



Thank you to all who supported our recent Cash for Clobber collection. Over 1000kg was collected.

## Sacraments



No decision has been made regarding the holding of sacraments before the summer holidays.

A recent letter from Bishop Monahan has requested schools not to set dates.

Churches are awaiting further announcements regarding their reopening. Decisions will hopefully be made in the next few weeks.

It is a possibility that both Communion and Confirmation will not be held before the summer break.

## Standardised Testing

Standardised Testing will take between May 11<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

It is important that children are in school for testing.

Results will be sent to parents in the end of year summer reports in June.

# Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail

## Board of Management Update

### Board of Management Meeting – April

- The Board of Management has approved the purchase of a school set of iPads. These will be delivered to the school in the next few weeks. We look forward to using them in our classrooms.
- Board is currently looking at some works around the school – finishing the brick wall and possible works at the back of the school (sloped embankment).

## Coaching



The Camogie Club will start coaching sessions with all pupils from Friday week – May 7<sup>th</sup>.

The coaching session will involve both a fitness session and a skills session.

Pupils will need a hurley and a helmet.

If your child does not have those please let us know and we will try to arrange the loan of one from the school/club.

## Cyril Savings Stamps

We continue with the Cyril Squirrel Saving Stamp Scheme, every THURSDAY.

We encourage all children to participate in this savings scheme, particularly in the lead up to school tours.

Each Cyril Squirrel saving stamp is €1. Pupils are encouraged to bring money in each week – a recommended maximum of €5 each week.

## School Holidays



Please note the school will be **closed** for holidays on the following dates:

- Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>
- Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday
- Friday June 25<sup>th</sup> – **School Closes at 12 Noon for Summer Holidays**

## School Uniforms

Please ensure that all school uniforms are labelled with your child's name, particularly jumpers as pupils usually remove them during the hot weather.

Please note: The Closing date for School Uniform Orders for September is **Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>**. Please find order form attached with this newsletter.

## School Garden



Our summer planting has begun.

The Junior room have planted Runner Beans and Sunflowers.

The Middle rooms have planted Potatoes.

The Senior room are working on designing different areas of the garden which will continue over the coming weeks.