



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Welcome to the February edition of our school monthly newsletter. We are thrilled to share the latest happenings, achievements and upcoming events in our school. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the incredible accomplishments of our students, highlight all the great work that is done in each class, and provide important updates regarding various initiatives and opportunities. We hope that through this newsletter, you will feel connected to our vibrant school community and celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students together.

## Child Protection:

**D.L.P:** Ms. Moloney

## Upcoming Events:

Pancake Tuesday: 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Ash Wednesday/ St. Valentine's Day: 14<sup>th</sup> February

Midterm Break: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February

Vaccinations for Junior Infants: 26<sup>th</sup> February

## BOM Update:

Our new Board has been formed and the members are as follows:

Chairperson: Joan O' Dwyer

Secretary: Claire Moloney

Patron's Rep: Marie Keating

Teacher Rep : Jenny McCaffrey

Parent Rep: Paul Clarke

Parent Rep: Jessica O' Shea

Community Rep: Mary Doran

Community Rep: Colm Flynn

## Parents' Association

Our P.A. have been very busy lately in organising the Christmas annuals for every pupil in the school and for helping out with the tea and scones after our 5k run on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Sincere thanks to all our members for the great work that they do.

## School News

### Appointments:

Congratulations to Ms. Amy Gleeson who has been appointed to cover Ms. Murphy's maternity leave for the remainder of the academic year. We welcome back Ms. Rachel Condon as she returns from her maternity leave.

### Catholic Schools Week:

This took place from Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January. The theme was Communities of Service.

### Grandparents' Day:

This was celebrated in the school on Thursday 25th January. Fr. Michael celebrated a lovely mass for all parents and grandparents with the pupils and staff. This was followed by teas, coffees and treats for the grandparents in the Muintir hall. Our talented pupils provided the entertainment. Grandparents then visited the school and saw all the beautiful artwork by our pupils. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make this day so special.



### Chess:

Well done to our pupils that participated in a chess tournament in Ballymacarbry Community Centre on Tuesday 30th January. They competed against a number of different

schools and had a great time practicing and showcasing their skills. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone.



#### Tinsel Times:

Thank you to everyone for purchasing the Tinsel Times. We hope you enjoyed it. A total of €556 was raised. Mr. McGrath's class have decided that their chosen charities are Dogs Trust and Irish Cancer Society. Well done to everyone for the great work involved in putting this together. Maith sibh!

#### 5K Run:

Our annual 5k took place on Sunday last 28<sup>th</sup> January. It was a really successful event and it was great to see so many families get involved. A massive thank you to Honor Goonan, Nessa O' Dwyer and Karen O'Dwyer for all their amazing work in organising this event. Sincere thanks to everyone who baked the scones, helped our P.A. out on the day with teas and coffee, the stewards and all those who sponsored the event. We are really grateful to you all. Details of the amount raised will be confirmed shortly. This will make a massive difference to our pupils - thank you.



#### School Meals:

We are delighted that this programme will be up and running in the school from April 2024. Each pupil in the school will receive a free hot meal every day and parents/ guardians will be able to order meals via an app. Our students have been busy sampling the food for us and enjoying the process too!



