

# May Newsletter

For the Parents & Guardians of Eyrecourt NS

It is unbelievable that we are into the final days of May and our 4th last week of school. This term has flown by and it is jam packed over the next few weeks.

Everyone will be delighted to know that I finished my course and handed up my last assignment on the 7th of May. I was so lucky to be able to avail of this extra training, knowing that Ms McGettigan, Ms McGrath and Ms Clarke would keep the show going over the many weeks I was in college this year. I have learned so much over the year and have already implemented some new practices which are working really well. We started team teaching for English reading in the middle room last February and we will extend team teaching into the senior room next year. I have learned a lot more about how to support pupils and I hope to put some other practices in place next September.

Thank you for the feedback on swimming. Due to the high response, swimming is starting next Tuesday 6th June until Monday 12th June.

Please read on for details of swimming and other activities over the next few weeks.

*Éilis Treacy*

Principal

## Hurling & Camogie News

On **Wednesday 31st of May** the boys of 4th, 5th and 6th class will travel to Kiltullagh for a 9-side blitz. The winners of that blitz will go on to the county finals.

The girls played a 5-side blitz two weeks ago in Kiltormer. They played really well and look forward to next year with great enthusiasm.

We are awaiting confirmation of the date for the Joyce Shield which is hosted by Clonfert NS every year. We play a mixed team of 5th and 6th class pupils.



## First Holy Communion

On **Friday 1st June**, 2nd class will celebrate their First Holy Communion. Ava, Mila, Noah, Shane and Tyler have been preparing for months with their teacher Ms McGettigan. We had a tradition of tea and treats afterwards in the day centre for the families of the First Holy

Communion class. This tradition is returning this year, thanks to the parents of last years Holy Communion class.

As the ceremony is on a school day, all the pupils will attend the ceremony. We will sit in the side aisle with the main part of the church for the 2nd class pupils and their families.

We will be back at the school for 2pm and 3pm collection.

## Swimming

2nd to 6th class are swimming in Birr from **Tuesday 6th June to Monday 12th June**. Everyday our session is from 1pm-1.45pm however on **Wednesday 7th June** we were only able to get the 1.30-2.15pm session. It will be approximately **3.15pm** when we return to school that day. I have requested that the school bus wait until swimmers return that Wednesday. I will send a text reminder on Tuesday evening.

There is great enthusiasm for swimming this year. In preparation, have your child change themselves unassisted. Try and visit the swimming pool or go to the beach or lake during the fine weather.

Make sure they have

- Togs that fit. Try to have a one piece swim suit for the girls.
- Hat
- Goggles
- Towel or towel robe

Towel robes or ponchos are really handy for children dressing. They seem to be available in most shops now, here is a link to decathlon to show what they look like:

<https://www.decathlon.ie/6375-beach-towels-ponchos>

The cost of swimming is **€50** for the week including bus. Please send in the money this week.



## School Mural

The school mural is almost complete and looks amazing already. The senior room have worked with artist Terese over a number of weeks and it really shows. Here's a picture of the junior room viewing the work.





## Green Flag Presentation

On Thursday 11th May, Ms McGettigan along with Aibhín, Denis, Kalem and Seán collected the schools Green Flag. The presentation was in the Galway Bay Hotel at 11am. Following the ethos of green schools the group travelled by train from Ballinasloe and continued by double decker bus to Salthill.

Ms McGettigan has led the biodiversity theme since she came to the school last year. We have planted fruit trees, native trees, flower boxes and vegetables. Along with her class Ms McGettigan built a new bug hotel and installed bird feeders on the classroom windows. We love watching the birds feed through the perspex feeders when we are in class!

# Cash for Clobber

We will have a Cash for Clobber collection on **Wednesday 14th June**. All clothes, shoes, bags, bed linen, curtains are all welcome provided they're clean. We cannot take duvets or cushions. Bags can be dropped to the school any morning and we will store them until collection day.



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