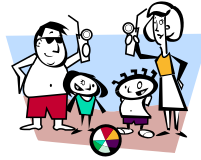




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To all members of Marymount School Community,

Comhghairdeas do gach duine tar éis an bhliain iomlán, iontach agus taitneamhach i Scoil Náisiúnta Ard Mhuire, An Robhair.

A special thank you to all the members of our Board of Management, Parents Association, and volunteers who give so generously of their time for the good of our school and pupils. Congratulations to the 123 pupils and staff for their hard work, enthusiasm and cooperation throughout the year. The students are to be commended on their wonderful achievements both curricular and non-curricular.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

We wish you all a happy, safe and sunny summer.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Mary Mc Cormack & Staff of Marymount N.S.

1) Graduation Mass for 6th Class took place on Tuesday the 24th of June.

It was a wonderful evening, which began with a special mass to celebrate the culmination of the years of primary school education for our 19 pupils. We would like to thank Fr Frank (Purcell), for celebrating the mass, we are grateful to the school choir and to Carrie for the music which all really enhanced the evening. We are also so grateful to the parents who gave of their time or donations to help with the most enjoyable end of year celebrations.

Following the mass certificates were presented to the students by Fr Purcell on behalf of the Board of Management. .

Certificates were also given to those families who have finished with the school to acknowledge their contribution and support to the school over the years. We are very grateful to these families for their unwavering support and kindness over the years.

We bid a fond farewell to the –

Kavanagh, Galavan, Fitzpatrick / Barron, Nolan Breen & Byrne families.

Slán agus beannacht libh go léir.

The class of 2025 finished off the celebration in the church with their graduation song – Killeagh (The Rower – Version) – *It was definitely the highlight of the evening. Well done to the talented bunch.*

Thank you most sincerely to the parents who provided the teas to the big crowd in the hall. Thank you to Ms Cody for her preparation of the class for the evening and her wonderful work with the class over the past two years.

Great appreciation to Trish, Selina and Ann for the photo reel down memory lane and the amazing graduation artwork, as usual they carry out fantastic work behind the scenes.

It was a fabulous evening that was well deserved by our 6th class pupils – Caoimhe, Hogan, James B., Sarah, Leah F., Conor, Liam, Lilly, Ellie, Elsie, Emily, Mazie, Isabelle, Leah N.B., Hannah, Dearbhla, Lily Belle, Keleigh & James W.

We wish them the very best of everything as they start second level in September and thank each one of them for the wonderful contribution they have made to this school over the past eight years. It has been our absolute pleasure to have worked with them.

Go néirí an bóthar libh.

2) Farewell..

We bid a very fond farewell to Mr Jack O' Connor. We thank him for his kindness and support to pupils and staff alike. Mr O' Connor was very generous during his short time here, also working with three of our school teams.

We wish him the very best in his future career.

We also bid a very fond farewell to Emma Doran, a valued member of our cleaning team for the past five years. Thank you for your dedication — we wish you every success and happiness in the future.

Another Farewell – We would also like to extend more fond farewells to the Flynn family, to Adam, Aron and Alex who have made a wonderful contribution to school life. Also, to Éсме Walsh while only with us for a year has touched the hearts of us all. They will all be greatly missed by their friends, teachers, and all the staff. We send the Flynn & Walsh families our warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks for being part of our school.

3) Sixth Class Stall Day – As is traditional at the end of the school year 6th class pupils like to hold a fundraiser for their school. This year was no different and well done to the sixth class for such wonderful stalls, it was fantastic – face painting, ice-cream stands, crochet toys, hot dogs, waffles, raffles, smoothies, hang tough, water sponges and so much more A huge effort was made by the pupils and thank you to your parents for helping out and all the donations!

4) Board of Management – The following are the current members of Marymount N.S. Board of Management: Liam Mulholland – (Chairperson & Patron Nominee), Laurence Walsh – (Treasurer & Community Nominee), Mary McCormack – (Secretary), Áine Barron & Matt Bolger (Parent Nominees), Catriona Morrissey – (Teacher Nominee), Maria Slater (Community Nominee) and Fr Frank Purcell (Patron Nominee).

5) Child Protection – Mary McCormack is our DLP (Designated Liaison Person) and Roisín Fennelly is our DDLP (Deputy Designated Liaison Person). Our up-to-date policy is available to view on the school website www.marymountns.ie . Recent review was carried out on 11th of February 2025.

6) Bí Cineálta

Our new Bí Cineálta policy and procedures following consultation with all relevant stakeholders were ratified by the Board of Management on Tuesday 10th of June 2025. Relevant documentation is available to view on marymountns.ie

7) School Tours – all classes enjoyed wonderful school tours this year.

On Tuesday 17th of June, Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First Class, and Miss Moloney's class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Nore Valley Farm.

The children had great fun exploring the pet farm and meeting all the friendly animals. They also spent time playing together in the wonderful playground.

It was a day full of laughter, learning, and happy memories for everyone.

A big thank you to all the staff who helped make the trip so special!

On the wettest day in months, Second, Third, and Fourth Class set off for the Irish National Stud in Kildare. Despite the rain, spirits were high as the children toured the stables and saw some of Ireland's most famous racehorses.

They explored the grounds, took in the tour, and even enjoyed time at the playground. The weather didn't dampen their fun, with plenty of laughs and chats shared on the journey.

A big thank you to all the staff and helpers who made the day such a memorable experience!

Our Fifth and Sixth Class tour is always a highlight of the year, and this year was no different! The children travelled to the Sports Ireland Campus in Abbottstown, where they tried out a wide range of exciting sports.

From gymnastics to dodgeball, long jump to basketball, they made the most of the amazing facilities.

After an action-packed day, they still had energy for a trip to Liffey Valley for some well-earned shopping. The tradition of matching outfits brought lots of fun and smiles from fellow shoppers and passers-by. Singing on the bus all the way home to The Rower capped off a fantastic day of memories and laughter.

A big thank you to Miss Cody, Miss Fennelly, Anne, Trisha, Miss McCormack, and all who made it possible!

8) Communion Day – Saturday 18th of May – Congratulations to the boys and girls of 2nd Class who received their First Holy Communion and who were a credit to their parents and school alike. Thank you to Fr Frank (Purcell) for the wonderful ceremony and to Mrs Morrissey, Mr O'Connor, Trisha, Selina and Ann for all their work in preparing them for this important event. Special mention must also go to the school choir accompanied by Caoimhe Kelly, they all did a terrific job and sounded wonderful. We were very grateful to Kathleen Murphy for preparing the church. To the parents who organised and provided the teas in the hall go raibh maith agaibh.

- 9) Say Yes to Languages - We are delighted to inform you that our school will again be participating in the 'Say Yes to Languages' program from September. This year it is only available for 5th & 6th classes. We will be learning Spanish this year and our new tutor is Maria Digby.
We are very excited to be learning a new language!
- 10) Swimming - 4th and 5th classes will commence swimming lessons in September in the Apex.
- 11) STEAM - We were delighted to purchase new STEAM kits for our pupils this year, supporting learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths. Both a junior and a senior kit were acquired, with activities carefully tailored to each age group. The children have thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the kits, developing key skills through hands-on learning. From building structures to solving engineering challenges, there has been fantastic progress across all classes. The kits have encouraged creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving in a fun and meaningful way.
It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and innovation as the children explore the world of STEAM!
- 12) Fencing - Boundary fencing works will take place over the summer, made possible thanks to grants awarded by the Department of Education for health and safety reasons.
The new fence will surround the entire school grounds, providing a secure environment for all our pupils.
This important measure is essential for the safety and wellbeing of everyone in our school community.
We look forward to the improved security the fencing will bring as we continue to grow and develop.
- 13) Music - Our classes were lucky to have music and singing lessons with Elspeth Hayes, a past parent and expert in teaching music to young children. For six weeks, Elspeth worked with the children, filling the hall with lovely music. She also helped our staff learn new teaching ideas.
After the lessons, the children performed for their parents, showing how much they had learned.
It was a great experience for everyone, and we look forward to more music activities in the future.

14) 6th Class Play –

The Sixth Class play is best described in the students' own words in their fantastic newsletter articles. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Cody and our drama teacher Heather Hadrill for their dedication and encouragement—not just this year, but throughout the years. Their support has helped our pupils grow in confidence and embrace the fun and excitement of performing on stage.

The Sixth Class play has become a much-loved tradition, and this year's performance was no exception. Even a surprise visit from a bat (yes, a real one!) couldn't stop the show—though it certainly gave the staff a fright!

Well done to all involved in making it such a memorable and enjoyable experience.

15) Green Schools – Our Green School Committee, led by Mrs Morrissey,

Worked with passion, purpose, and consistency. From litter picks to spreading the word, Their message of change was proudly heard. Through projects and efforts, both big and small, They truly inspired one and all. To Kilkenny they travelled with pride so high, To receive our flag and lift it to the sky!

16) Gairdín Gleoite – Once again our poly-tunnel and garden is a wonderful

success. It is such a special and important extra learning space in our school and one which the children have really engaged with. They have been delighted with all they produced – that has been more than regularly checked by little hands in the hope that they might be the lucky child to harvest it !! The huge work with developing the garden, planning, planting and managing has been down to our talented gardener and SNA Selina aided by our caretaker Lory. Their efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated.

17) Active School Week – We celebrated our annual Active Week at the beginning

of June with great energy and enthusiasm. Each morning began with the whole school—pupils and staff—gathering in the yard for stretches, workouts, and dancing together. This was followed by a staff walk to keep the momentum going! Throughout the week, children enjoyed strength and conditioning sessions, yoga, and hurling. A highlight was our special visit to Woodstock, where we explored the beautiful surroundings, played in the playground, and completed scavenger hunts. Active homework added to the fun and kept everyone moving all week long. It was a fantastic and successful week of fitness, fun, and fresh air!

18) Hurling and Camogie – This year, our sporting achievements were truly something to celebrate, with fantastic performances from both our Hurling and Camogie teams. A special thanks to Miss Fennelly and Ann Delahunty for their dedication to the camogie team, and to Mr O'Connor and Miss McCormack for coaching the Hurling squad. Our camogie team showed great spirit, reaching the final and giving their all, narrowly losing in extra time—we are incredibly proud of their effort. Our boys' teams also performed admirably, reaching the semi final and giving it their all. Our under-11s, coached by Ann Delahunty and Mr O'Connor, also made it to the semi-final in a very competitive group. In sport, as in school, we encourage our pupils to do their best, represent the school with pride, and most importantly, enjoy themselves on the field. Well done to all our players for their commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship this year!

19) Sports for All Day – We held our annual Sports for All Day, and once again, our children showed incredible camaraderie, friendship, and inclusivity. You couldn't help but be proud of their positive attitudes throughout the day. The final results were: first place Red Team, second Green, and third Orange, but special mention goes to the White Team for their outstanding team spirit and encouragement. Above all, the children's wonderful attitude made the day truly special, and we were lucky to enjoy it all in beautiful sunshine. A big thank you to Lucy Murphy and Claire Lonergan from the Parents Association for bringing delicious, healthy treats and fruit, which were very welcome in the warm weather!

20) Summer Safety – The summer holidays can be a dangerous time for children, particularly when going to the beach, spending time near rivers or on farms. The HSA and IWS are anxious that parents would be made aware of the resources available to them in addressing the safety issues involved. We would ask that you look at Farm and Water Safety hints and tips. Farm Safety – <https://tinyurl.com/HSA-FarmSafety> Agri Aware Water Safety – <https://tinyurl.com/IWS-WaterSafety>

21) Lost and Found – There are still some clothing items in our lost property. Please call in to the office before the holidays to claim any of these mislaid items.

22) Students Council – Well done to our Students' Council, led by Miss Doyle, for their fantastic work representing the student voice—an important and valued part of our school community.

At the beginning of June, they organised a hugely successful and enjoyable family quiz night that brought everyone together. We were amazed by the incredible support and turnout, making it a fun-filled evening with great questions and a wonderful atmosphere. Thanks to generous donations and sponsorships from local businesses, they raised nearly €1,000 for new sports and playground equipment. This aligns perfectly with the Students' Council's goal—and the staff's vision—of creating a more inclusive, engaging playground.

Under our wellbeing framework, we're committed to prioritising the happiness and wellbeing of all children during playtime by providing varied and accessible resources.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in making this event such a memorable success!

23) Attendance – We would like to congratulate all the pupils who have had excellent attendance this year. Regular school attendance is of the utmost importance for all children and those who do reap the harvest. We will always promote full attendance or as near full as possible but with the understanding that sometimes an absence is completely unavoidable and children who are sick must stay at home to avoid passing it on to others.

24) Parents Council – Thank you to our Parents Council for their work this year, for the numerous fundraising events throughout the year which raised vital funds for our school. Richie Barron – Chairperson and the hardworking committee have worked hard organising Christmas Raffle and Sponsored Walk. The Parents Council fundraising is what enables our school to provide high quality resources and facilities for our pupils. Thank you for the help at school functions and occasions which brings so much to school life. We (the school community staff, pupils & parents) are very fortunate to have such support. Our new school lotto is a massive help to our school and is running very well. We are very grateful for the support of the entire community.

25) Booklists

Letters regarding stationary requirements for next year will be forwarded next week and re half zips any late orders in by Tuesday 1st of July at the latest.

School will re-open at 9:20 a.m. on Thursday 28th of August 2025

OUR SCHOOL NEWS - JUNE 2025

Ms. Cody's 5th & 6th Class

ROINN B CAMOGIE COUNTY FINAL



HI, I'M ELSIE AND I'M IN 6TH CLASS AND I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THE 6TH CLASS GIRLS ROINN B COUNTY FINAL IN JAMES STEPHENS KELLS ROAD PITCH AGAINST URLINGFORD. WE HAD LOST AGAINST THEM AT THE START OF THE YEAR. WE HAD BEATEN TULLAGHER AND MUCKALEE TWICE. LILY BELLE, LILLY KEHOE, CAOIMHE BARRON, SARAH BYRNE, EMILY MAHON, LEAH NOLAN BREEN, HANNAH REARDON, DEARBHLA RONAN AND MYSELF ALL PLAYED FOR THE ROWER. I PLAYED IN THE FULL BACK LINE WITH HANNAH REARDON AND LILLY KEHOE. AT HALF TIME WE WERE UP BY A GOAL AND WHEN WE FINISHED THE SECOND HALF IT WAS 1-5 TO 1-5. WE THEN HAD TO PLAY EXTRA TIME. EXTRA TIME WAS 5 MINUTES A HALF. AFTER THE FIRST 5 MINUTES URLINGFORD HAD SCORED 2 GOALS AND NOW THE SCORE WAS 3-5 TO 1-5. AFTER EXTRA TIME WAS OVER WE HAD LOST BY TWO GOALS. AFTERWARDS WE WENT TO MCDONALDS.

OUR STARTING TEAM WAS (1) MOLLIE COTTREL, (2) LILLY KEHOE, (3) HANNAH REARDON, (4) ELSIE LYNG, (5) EABHA MURPHY, (6) LEAH NOLAN BREEN, (7) SAOIRSE ROCHE, (8) SARAH BYRNE, (9) LILY BELLE SHEEHAN, (10) CAOIMHE BARRON, (11), DEARBHLA RONAN, (12) KITTY BOOKLE AND OUR SUBS WERE (13) NERIAH ROCHE (14) EMILY MAHON, (15) MEAVE HEARNE, (16) KATIE WALSH, (17) ERICA MCDERMOTT, (18) BELLA QUAGLIA, (19) MIA SHIER. OUR TRAINERS WERE MS FENNELLY AND ANN DELAHUNTY.

ELSIE LYNG

PITCH AND INA'S

HI, I WILL BE TELLING YOU ABOUT OUR CLASS GOING UP TO INA'S AND GOING TO THE ASTRO PITCH AFTERWARDS. IN OUR CLASS WE HAVE A SHEET OF PAPER ON A NOTICE BOARD ON THE WALL AND WE GET STAMPS ON THE BOARD WHEN WE ARE GOOD AND WHEN WE DO SOMETHING THEY GET TAKEN AWAY, AND IF WE GET ENOUGH STAMPS WE GET A PRIZE. THIS TIME WHEN WE GOT ENOUGH STAMPS GOING TO INA'S AND THE PITCH WAS OUR PRIZE. ON THE FIRST DAY WE CAME IN WITH OUR MONEY IT WAS RAINING, SO WE COULDN'T GO. THE NEXT DAY WE CAME IN WITH OUR MONEY MISS CODY WAS OUT SO WE DIDN'T GO AGAIN SO FINALLY THE DAY AFTER THAT WE FINALLY GOT TO BRING OUR MONEY TO INA'S SHOP TO BUY SOMETHING AND GO TO THE ROWER PITCH AFTER. ALSO THANKS TO INA FOR GIVING OUR CLASS A BOX OF PIGS, EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME.



HARRY O'BYRNE

CROKE PARK



HI MY NAME IS JAMES BYRNE AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ALL ABOUT HOW I GOT TO PLAY AT HALF TIME DURING THE LEINSTER FINAL IN CROKE PARK. ABOUT TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE LEINSTER FINAL MS MCCORMACK CAME INTO THE 6TH CLASS ROOM AND SAID THAT ONE OF THE 6TH CLASS BOYS WOULD BE SELECTED TO PLAY AT HALF TIME IN THE LEINSTER FINAL. WE WERE ALL VERY EXCITED. THEN A FEW DAYS LATER MISS CODY PICKED A RANDOM NAME OUT OF A HAT AND MY NAME GOT PULLED OUT SO THAT MEANT I WOULD BE PLAYING. THE LEINSTER FINAL WAS ON SUNDAY THE 8TH OF JUNE AT FOUR O'CLOCK.

JUST BEFORE IT WAS ON, THE JOE MCDONAGH CUP FINAL WAS BEING PLAYED WITH KILDARE PLAYING LAOIS. AFTER THAT MATCH WAS KILKENNY AND GALWAY. THE ROWER U14S WERE GOING UP TO THE LEINSTER FINAL ON A BUS SO I WENT UP WITH THEM. WHEN I GOT TO CROKE PARK I MADE MY WAY OVER TO MY SEATS WHERE I WOULD BE MEETING UP WITH THE OTHER LADS THAT WERE PLAYING. WHEN THE JOE MCDONAGH CUP MATCH FINISHED WE MADE OUR WAY DOWN TO THE DRESSING ROOM WHERE WE GOT OUR GEAR. WE GOT A FREE JERSEY, FREE SHORTS AND FREE SOCKS. AFTERWARDS WE HAD A CHAT IN THE DRESSING ROOM AND THEN WE HEADED BACK OUT TO OUR SEATS AND WATCHED THE FIRST HALF OF THE MATCH. FIVE MINUTES BEFORE HALF TIME WE HEADED DOWN THE TUNNEL AND GOT READY TO WALK OUT. THE HALF TIME WHISTLE BLEW AND WE WALKED OUT IN FRONT OF THE CROWD STRAIGHT AWAY. WHEN WE GOT ON THE FIELD WE STARTED BECAUSE WE ONLY HAD TWELVE MINUTES TO PLAY. I REALLY ENJOYED THE EXPERIENCE AND THE CROKE PARK PITCH WAS AMAZING. AFTER THE MATCH WE WALKED BACK OFF THE FIELD, GOT A TEAM PHOTO AND WENT BACK TO OUR SEATS. WHEN THE SECOND HALF STARTED I WENT OVER TO THE SEATS WHERE MY ROWER TEAMMATES WERE SITTING AND WATCHED THE SECOND HALF. KILKENNY WON AND I WAS DELIGHTED. WE WATCHED THEM LIFT THE CUP AND THEN WE GOT BACK ON THE BUS. WE GOT A MCDONALD'S TO CAP THE DAY OFF. OVERALL I REALLY ENJOYED PLAYING IN CROKE PARK AND HOPEFULLY I WILL PLAY ON IT AGAIN.

JAMES BYRNE

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK



ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK TOOK PLACE FROM 3RD -6TH JUNE IN OUR SCHOOL. IT WAS A VERY FUN AND ENJOYABLE WEEK. WE DID MORNING AND AFTERNOON WALKS, CLASSROOM CHALLENGES SUCH AS THE RUNNER CHALLENGE AND THE WALL SPIN CHALLENGE. WE HAD A STRETCHING AND CORE EXERCISE CLASS AND MY FAVOURITE WAS THE VISIT TO WOODSTOCK ON FRIDAY. I HAD SOMETHING ON IN THE MORNING SO I WAS DROPPED TO WOODSTOCK LATER ON IN THE DAY. I WAS EXCITED WHEN I GOT THERE BECAUSE I GOT TO BRING MY SISTER ENYA AROUND THE PLAYGROUND. SHE LOVED IT AND HAD LOADS OF FUN. I DID NOT MISS OUT ON THE PART WHEN 6TH CLASS GOT TO DO A GROUP TREASURE HUNT. I WAS WITH LILY BELLE, JAMES BYRNE, DEARBHLA, HANNAH AND LILLY KEHOE. WE HAD LOTS OF FUN AND OUR GROUP WON THE TREASURE HUNT. 😊

LEAH FURLONG

STALL DAY

HELLO MY NAME IS MAZIE MCGRATH AND I AM IN 6TH CLASS. I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT STALL DAY. AS I AM WRITING THIS, THE DAY HASN'T HAPPENED YET BUT I AM GOING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THINGS I AM GOING TO DO AND WHO I AM GOING TO BE WITH. IN THE MIDDLE OF JUNE WE STARTED TO PLAN STALL DAY AND WHAT STALLS WE WERE DOING AND WHO WE WOULD BE WORKING WITH. STALL DAY WILL PROBABLY BE ON THE WEDNESDAY OF THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL BUT REALLY IT'S UP TO THE WEATHER! EVERY OTHER CLASS WILL BE BRINGING IN MONEY TO BUY STUFF FROM OUR STALLS. AT THE END OF THE DAY WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THE MONEY TO THE SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL WILL BE USING THE MONEY FOR EQUIPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL THINGS. DEARBHLA AND I ARE GOING TO BE DOING FACE PAINTING AND SELLING CROCHET. DEARBHLA IS GOING TO BE DOING FACE PAINTING. SHE IS GOING TO HAVE A TABLET OR A CHROMEBOOK TO LOOK UP FACE PAINT IDEAS. I AM GOING TO BE SELLING CROCHET. DEARBHLA CROCHETED THE STUFF HERSELF SO I AM GOING TO BE SELLING THEM FOR HER TO HELP HER OUT. THERE IS GOING TO BE LOADS OF FOOD, DRINKS, FUN ACTIVITIES AND RAFFLES ON STALL DAY. WE ARE HOPING THAT WEDNESDAY IS GOING TO BE A BRIGHT SUNNY DAY. EVERYONE IS VERY EXCITED AND GRATEFUL ABOUT STALL DAY. EVERY 6TH CLASS PUPIL BRINGS THINGS FROM HOME AND WILL BE WORKING VERY HARD TO MAKE THE DAY A VERY SPECIAL DAY FOR THE WHOLE SCHOOL.

I WANT TO THANK MISS CODY, MY 6TH CLASS TEACHER, FOR HELPING EVERYONE AND GETTING EVERYTHING ORGANISED FOR STALL DAY. ALSO, THANKS TO MS MCCORMACK FOR STARTING THE DAY AND ALLOWING IT. EVERYONE WILL HAVE A BLAST AND ENJOY ALL OF THE DIFFERENT STALLS.

THAT'S ALL FROM MAZIE MCGRATH

STUDENTS COUNCIL QUIZ NIGHT

HELLO. MY NAME IS OLLIE. I AM 12 YEARS OLD AND IN 5TH CLASS. I ALSO REPRESENT THE STUDENTS COUNCIL AND WILL INFORM YOU ABOUT THE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER THAT TOOK PLACE ON THE 6TH OF JUNE AT 7.30PM 2025. WE DECIDED TO DO THE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT DURING OUR SECOND OR THIRD MEETING. WE HAD TO RAISE MONEY FOR STUFF SUCH AS P.E EQUIPMENT, BASKETBALL BACKBOARDS AND GOAL POST NETS. WE DECIDED THAT THE FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT WOULD BE PERFECT FOR THIS JOB SO WE BEGAN PLANNING. WE CAME UP WITH THIS PLAN..... A SHOP WITH SWEETS AND SNACKS, PRIZES FOR WINNING THE QUIZ AND A RAFFLE. PEOPLE WERE ALSO GIVEN JOBS. AT THE SHOP SARAH BYRNE, ELSIE LYNG AND PIPPA SHEEHAN WORKED TOGETHER. AOIBHINN LYNG AND MARY WALSH GREETED PEOPLE BEFORE IT STARTED. MYSELF, JAMES WALSH, PAURIC GALAVAN AND LIAM KAVANAGH SOLD TICKETS AT THE START. FINALLY LUKE MCGRATH AND CIAN MCGRATH COLLECTED THE ANSWER SHEETS. THE QUIZ NIGHT STARTED AT HALF PAST SEVEN BUT I WAS TO BE THERE FOR QUARTER PAST SEVEN. WHEN EVERYONE ARRIVED MYSELF AND THE OTHER TICKET SELLERS SET OFF, MANAGING TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS TO EVERY TABLE (THERE WERE 27 TABLES). THEN AOIBHINN AND MARY INTRODUCED EVERYONE TO THE QUIZ NIGHT RIGHT BEFORE THE QUIZ BEGAN. THE COTTON CANDY AT THE SHOP WAS SELLING QUICK AND STOPPED WORKING AFTER THE FIRST 3 ROUNDS. IT WENT GREAT. THERE WAS A BREAK FOR 10 MINUTES AFTER ROUND 5 AND WE ATTEMPTED TO SELL MORE TICKETS BUT EVERYONE HAD ALREADY BOUGHT TICKETS AND WE SOLD LIKE 6 STRIPS DURING THE BREAK. THE STUDENT COUNCIL ANNOUNCED THE RAFFLE WINNERS AND UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT WIN ANYTHING 😞 BUT THEN THE BIG GUNS WERE REVEALED THE QUIZ WINNERS. FIRST PLACE WAS TABLE 15 AND THEY WON FIRST PRIZE. IN THE END WE MADE €951 FOR P.E EQUIPMENT SUCH AS NETS FOR THE GOALS AND BACKBOARDS FOR THE BASKETBALL HOOPS.

OLLIE LYNG

5TH AND 6TH SCHOOL TOUR

HELLO MY NAME IS WILL AND I AM IN 5TH CLASS. IN THIS NEWSLETTER I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR UPCOMING SCHOOL TOUR ON THE 18TH JUNE 2025.

A FEW WEEKS AGO OUR TEACHER MS CODY TOLD US AT THE END OF THE DAY THAT WE WERE GOING TO THE SPORTS IRELAND CAMPUS JUST OUTSIDE BLANCHARDSTOWN. AFTERWARDS WE WOULD BE GOING SHOPPING WITH ALL OUR MONEY IN LIFFEY VALLEY SHOPPING CENTRE. WHEN WE ARRIVE AT 10 O'CLOCK OUR TOUR GUIDE WILL SHOW US AROUND AND WE WILL GET TO DO A LOT OF SPORTS SUCH AS GYMNASTICS, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, HANDBALL, REBOUND, RELAYS, DODGEBALL AND SO MUCH MORE. AFTER THAT WE ARE GOING TO SPEND AROUND 2 HOURS IN THE SHOPPING CENTRE AND BUY SOME CLOTHES, FOOD AND MOST LIKELY SOME JERSEYS + EVERYONE ALWAYS TRIES TO MATCH WITH EACH OTHER'S OUTFITS. IT'S LIKE A TRADITION FOR THE 5TH AND 6TH CLASS SCHOOL TOUR WHICH IS ALWAYS CARRIED ON THROUGH THE YEARS. AND I COULDN'T NOT TALK ABOUT THE SINGING IN THE BUS UP TO DUBLIN AND BACK TO THE SCHOOL. MY BROTHER WHO WAS IN 6TH CLASS LAST YEAR SAID THEY HAD A SONG BATTLE AGAINST THE GIRLS WITH A SPEAKER!.

IN CONCLUSION, WE SHOULD BE BACK AT THE SCHOOL BETWEEN 8:30 AND 9:00 AND OF COURSE EVERYONE WOULD HAVE SO MUCH FUN + EVERYONE COMES INTO SCHOOL NEXT DAY WEARING THE STUFF THEY BOUGHT.

WILL NOLAN

6TH CLASS PLAY

HELLO MY NAME IS ISABELLE MURPHY AND TODAY I WILL BE TALKING ABOUT OUR 6TH CLASS PLAY THAT WAS ON MONDAY 16TH MAY. THE NAME OF THE PLAY IS 'THE NOT SO MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF CINDERELLA.' IN THE PLAY I WAS BLAKE THE DETECTIVES SIDE-KICK AND THE DETECTIVE WAS PLAYED BY HANNAH REARDON. AT THE START OF THE STORY CINDERELLA (KELEIGH SINNOTT) DOESN'T ARRIVE BACK AFTER THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE SO THE FAIRY GODMOTHER (ELLIE LYNG) RANG THE 911 OPERATOR (CONOR GALAVAN), HE SENT DETECTIVE BOB (HANNAH REARDON) AND BLAKE (ME) TO PRINCE CHARMING'S CASTLE TO INVESTIGATE THE SCENE. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE CASTLE WE TALKED TO PRINCE CHARMING (JAMES BYRNE) AND HE TOLD US TO TALK TO CINDERELLA'S STEPSISTERS FLORINDA (LILY BELLE SHEAHAN) AND LOUSIDA (SARAH BYRNE) BECAUSE THEY SAID 'SHE WOULD KILL HER IF SHE CAME TO THE BALL.' THEN WE HAD OUR LITTLE CHIT CHAT WITH THE TWO STEPSISTERS AND I CAME IN WITH THE BIG BAD WOLF (HOGAN BARRON) TOLD US THAT HE WAS BUILDING A HOUSE FOR LITTLE RED. THEN A MAN WITH A BLOODY APRON CAME BY AND STUCK HIS HEAD IN THE WINDOW AND TOLD THE WOLF HE WAS 'GONNA GIVE IT TO HIM'. THEN LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD (DEARBHA RONAN) CAME IN AFTER HE TOLD US THAT HE WAS BUILDING A HOUSE FOR HER AND THEN HE WAS CHASED BY A MAN IN A BLOODY APRON AND A KNIFE. SHE SAID THAT SHE DID SEE A BLONDE GIRL GO INTO THE HOUSE OWNED BY THE THREE BEARS. THEN THE BUTCHER (LIAM KAVANAGH) CAME IN WAVING HIS KNIFE IN THE AIR AFTER THE WOLF AND HE CONFIRMED THAT THAT WAS THE THREE BEARS HOUSE SO THEN WE HEADED OFF TO THE THREE BEARS HOUSE. WHEN WE WENT IN NO ONE WAS HOME. THEN THE THREE BEARS CAME PAPA BEAR (JAMES WALSH) CAME IN FIRST THEN FOLLOWED BY MAMA BEAR (LEAH FURLONG) AND AFTER BABY BEAR (ELSIE LYNG). WE ALSO FOUND GOLDILOCKS (MAZIE MCGRATH) ASLEEP IN BABY BEAR'S BED. MAMA BEAR TOLD US TO CHECK THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE AT THE END OF THE BLOCK AND THAT CINDERELLA MIGHT BE IN THERE. WHEN WE ARRIVED I WENT TO KICK THE DOOR IN BUT DETECTIVE BOB (HANNAH REARDON) STOPPED ME THEN STARTED KNOCKING ON THE DOOR. THEN THE WITCH CAME TO THE DOOR AND SHE WAS IN HER PYJAMAS AND HAD A FACE MASK ON. IT WAS SUCH AN ENJOYABLE NIGHT AND WE ALL LOVED BEING ON STAGE.

ISABELLE MURPHY

JUNE NEWSLETTER



MY NAME IS LACHY HALPIN, I AM IN FIFTH CLASS AND MY TEACHER IS MISS CODY. FOR THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER I WILL BE WRITING ABOUT THE 2025 MR LYNG CUP AND ACTIVE WEEK.

THE MR LYNG CUP IS AN ANNUAL RUGBY BLITZ HELD IN OUR SCHOOL IN MEMORY OF MR LYNG, WHO RETIRED A FEW YEARS AGO AND HAS SINCE PASSED AWAY. EIGHT TEAMS CONTESTED THE TOURNAMENT WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM THIRD CLASS AND UP. KATIE MEEK FROM NEW ROSS RUGBY CLUB REFEREED ALL THE GAMES. MY TEAM HAD A GOOD START WITH A VICTORY IN THE QUARTER FINAL, MEANING WE WOULD PROGRESS TO A SEMI FINAL AGAINST THE ORANGE TEAM. IT WAS A TOUGH GAME AS LUKE MCGRATH FROM THIRD CLASS GOT INJURED AND HAD TO LEAVE THE FIELD. WE GAVE IT OUR BEST SHOT BUT IN THE END THE OPPOSITION WAS TOO STRONG FOR US. THE ORANGE TEAM WENT ON TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT OUTHRIGHT. I WAS DISAPPOINTED BUT I HAD FUN AND I'M EXCITED TO GO AGAIN NEXT YEAR IN THE FOURTH EDITION OF THE CUP.

A FEW WEEKS AGO WE HAD OUR ANNUAL ACTIVE WEEK WHICH IS A TRADITION IN THE SCHOOL. TO START THE WEEK WE DID EXERCISES WITH MUSIC IN THE MORNING. WE DID THIS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE WEEK AS WELL AS WALKING LAPS OF THE COURT IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON. ON WEDNESDAY WE HAD GYMNASTICS WITH CAOIMHE WHO CAME INTO THE SCHOOL FROM A GYMNASTICS CLUB IN KILKENNY.

AFTER SCHOOL MOST OF THE BOYS IN FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS HAD A HURLING SEMI-FINAL IN THOMASTOWN AGAINST SAINT PATRICK'S DE LA SALLE. WE WERE LOCKED IN AND READY TO GO BUT SAINT PATRICKS HAD A STRONG START, WHICH LEFT US WITH A DIFFICULT DEFICIT TO OVERCOME. DESPITE THAT, BY HALF TIME THE ROWER INISTIOGE WERE BACK IN THE GAME. IN THE SECOND HALF WE FOUGHT HARD BUT EVENTUALLY WE LOST BY TWO POINTS. IT WAS SICKENING FOR OUR SEASON TO END THAT WAY, BUT US FIFTH CLASS WILL HAVE ANOTHER GO NEXT YEAR. ON FRIDAY FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH CLASS ALL GOT ON A BUS AND WENT TO WOODSTOCK FOR THE END OF ACTIVE WEEK. WE WALKED ABOUT FIVE KILOMETRES AND WENT TO THE PLAYGROUND. A SCHOOL FROM THOMASTOWN WAS ALSO THERE. WE HAD LUNCH AND THEN WENT BACK TO THE SCHOOL AND WENT OUTSIDE FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.

OVERALL, I HAD A GREAT TIME IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE YEAR.

THE 5TH AND 6TH CLASS BOYS HURLING

HI I'M JAMES WALSH AND I'M IN 6TH CLASS. THIS YEAR THE BOYS IN 5TH CLASS AND 6TH CLASS DID HURLING WITH THE SCHOOL AND TODAY I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT. OUR COACH THIS YEAR WAS MR O'CONNOR FROM MARYMOUNT, WE HAD A LOT OF NEW LADS COMING UP FROM 5TH CLASS AND THEY WERE VERY SKILLFUL BUT AS IT WAS OUR LAST YEAR THE 6TH CLASS WOULD BE STARTING MORE OFTEN WITH THE 5TH CLASS AS SUBS. WE HAD A GREAT TEAM THE YEAR BEFORE AND HAD WON A LOT AND WE HAD BEEN COACHED BY MR DONNELLY AND MR HUGHES SO THERE WAS AN EXPECTATION TO FOLLOW IT UP THIS YEAR. WE WENT INTO OUR FIRST GAME WITH NO TRAINING BEFORE AGAINST BENNETTSBRIDGE AND AFTER A TOUGH FIRST GAME WE WON THIS GAVE US HOPE FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF MATCHES. NEXT IT WAS THE COUNTRY CUP, WE WON OUR FIRST GAME AND KEPT BEATING TEAMS UNTIL WE MADE IT TO THE QUARTER FINALS AGAINST GOWRAN IT WAS A HARD MATCH AND WE FOUGHT HARD BUT IN THE END WE WERE SADLY ELIMINATED AND GOWRAN CONTINUED TO THE SEMI FINALS BUT THEY WERE A DIVISION A TEAM AND WE DID WELL. WE HAD A COUPLE MORE MATCHES AFTER THAT AND WON MOST OF OUR GAMES.

