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Newsletter

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Scoil An Chuileannaigh

School Closings: Easter Holidays: School will close on Friday **12th April at 12:30 p.m.** and will re-open on Monday **29th April**. Please make arrangements to have your child collected. Buses will collect pupils @ 12:30 p.m.

School will close for Public Holidays on Monday **6th May** and Monday **3rd June**.

Friday 24th May School Closed—Polling Station for Voting.

Summer Holidays: Friday **21st June @ 12:00 noon**.

First Confession: Well done to our wonderful pupils in 2nd Class who made their First Confession on 13th March. They were an absolute credit to their families and to our school as they sang and prayed excellently. Thanks to Fr. Fergal Ryan and Ms. Mulvihill for making the ceremony so special.

We are looking forward to **First Holy Communion** on **Saturday 25th May @ 11 a.m.**

CONGRATULATIONS to our talented 6th Class pupils who were confirmed by Bishop Ray Browne on 19th February. Míle buíochas to Mr. Flynn and all involved for your hard work.

Football

Well done to 5th & 6th Class who took part in the Mini 7's competition on March 20th and 22nd and ISK Blitz on March 29th. Training continues for 1st—6th Class.

Rugby

We are very proud of our budding rugby stars and fortunate to be provided with new rugby equipment.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to the Credit Union Quiz teams who represented the school very well in The Quiz recently.

U-11: Orlaith Kelly, Cormac O'Sullivan, Fionán O'Sullivan, Feargal Murphy, Sub Fionn Kennedy.

U-13 Alicia Coffey, Gráinne Kennedy, Roan O'Shea, John Murphy, Sub Éanna Coffey. Maith sibh go léir.



Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

The Junior Entrepreneur Programme has come to its conclusion. 6th Class have benefitted in a variety of ways during their great work. We would like to extend a big 'Thank You' to family and friends and school personnel who helped us make this experience a huge success.



UCC: Each year **sixth class** pupils pay a visit to UCC to partake in the Junior Conferring tour which is organised by UCC's Visitor's Centre. It's a free and colourful tour for primary students which culminates in a mini-conferring ceremony. The Gothic style campus is likened to Harry Potter's Hogwarts. A real buzz for any HP fans. This visit will take place on **Thursday May 30th**.

Teaching Practice

We would like to welcome Mr. Daly to our school to complete his Teaching Practice in Mrs. Harmon's 5th class:
1st April—17th May.

Internet Online Safety

Thank you to all who attended the talk for Parents highlighting the dangers which are faced online. We trust that it was relevant and beneficial.

Green School

Our Green school Team have been busy working on our walkability audit of our school surroundings as part of our Green school's Travel Theme. This will be forwarded to Kerry County Council.

A scooter workshop will take place for 1st, 2nd and 3rd class pupils in May. More details to follow later.

School Self Evaluation (SSE): Gaeilge

Thank you to the pupils and parents who completed questionnaires which provided valuable information for us moving forward in our endeavours to improve the standard of Irish Writing. We are busy working on Irish Oral, Reading and Writing exercises. All classes participated in Seachtain na Gaeilge and Lá le Pádraig activities. Please check our Gaeilge notice board for our target and seanfhocail each month. Children who study Irish in 3rd-6th class will write an Irish story in class on **June 5th**.

Useful websites: www.leighleat.com, www.seideansi.ie and www.cula4.com.

Appointments & Absences

If for some reason you wish to speak to a teacher please make an appointment in advance of your visit as we cannot have classes interrupted without prior notification. For attendance record purposes if your child is **absent, late or leaving early** it is very important that you send a **note** to the class teacher clearly stating your **child's full name, class and reason**. Please **date** and **sign** all notes.

Head Lice Please check your child's hair for head lice and treat if necessary.

Uniforms Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled. There are a number of unlabelled school jumpers in the lost property box.

Aistear

Junior & Senior Infants are busy exploring the theme of "The Dentist". Our theme for May is "The Seaside". Please check our school website for more information and photographs.



Music

Exciting News: We are recording our first ever school C.D. and DVD; "Let it be". Sincere thanks to Mr. Mike Coffey, Mr. Tomas Straka & Mr. Eddie Lee. A number of pupils visited Jenny Wren's recording studio. This was a great experience and we are looking forward to the launch and sale in the coming weeks. Watch this space...

Comhghairdeas/Congratulations to all who represented Beaufort in the Mid-Kerry Scór na bPáistí—Instrumental, Ballad, Solo Singing, Set Dancing & Quiz.



R.S.A. (Road Safety Authority)

Our school is staging a course in cycling safety training run by Cycle Sense for 3rd Class. The course is aligned to **CYCLE RIGHT**, the National Standard for Cycle Safety Training in Ireland and is delivered by qualified trainers from the national register.

The workshop will commence on Monday 27th May and finish Monday 17th June.

Fundraising

Well done to all who participated and contributed to our recent fundraisers:

Crazy Hair Day for the upkeep of our school Defibrillator and Odd Sock Day in Support of Down Syndrome Ireland.

Seisiún Ceoil

As our last music session was such a success, our next session will be on Thursday April 11th.

Get ready to roll out those tunes and songs!

Friendship Week will take place from Monday April 8th to Friday April 12th

School Inspection

We were recently provided with our School Evaluation Report from the Inspectorate.

We are delighted with our findings and our report will be online next Friday.

We strive to maintain these high standards going forward.

Cáisc Shona Daoibh go léir



Leona Twiss (Príomhoide)

Michelle McLaughlin (Editor)

Cullina National School Parents' Association – News Letter April 2019

Mission Statement

“The Parents Association of Cullina National School, Beaufort, will liaise and work with the Parents, Teachers and agencies for the benefit of the pupils and overall enhancement of the school in general”

As a committee we meet each school term to discuss the issues of the day and there is always an open invitation for any parent to come along and join in.

Every Parent's Association is only as successful as what is put into it. We are all members and we actively seek suggestions and ideas for any future activities that would involve our families, school and community to encourage positive involvement for the benefit of all our children.

A special word of welcome to Parents of new students to the school. Hopefully this note will outline our role and activities and with any luck, may even encourage your involvement in the association.

Listed below are some of the activities that we are involved in on your behalf during the school year:

- Halloween Fancy Dress Disco & Party in the Parish Hall
- Refreshments for Parents/Grandparents & Students after Christmas Mass
- Holy Communion Class, Decoration of Parish Hall, Presentation of handmade Doves to each child during the First Communion Ceremony as a token of congratulations from all the Parents of the school to the children.
- Organising a get-together for children making Holy Communion and their friends and families in the Parish Hall. Refreshment, Cake & Flowers/Gift for teacher/SNA
- Church Gate Collections at Beaufort Church in December and there is an upcoming collection on 13th/14th April. **We would appreciate Volunteers to help collect at masses over this weekend.**
- 6th Class Graduation Mass
- Refreshments for Parents/Grandparents & Students for end of year mass

We are looking at setting up **2 parent representatives** from each class to make up a Working Committee. This Committee is not required to attend parent association meetings. This Committee can forward any questions raised by parents of the class they represent and also will help organise volunteers for certain events organised by parents association when necessary. This representation will hopefully increase our effectiveness and contribution. This aside, in the current climate, any fundraising events will be more important than ever and we would be grateful for any new inventive ideas and of course any assistance much appreciated.

If you are interested in being a parent on this Working Committee, please forward your name, number and email address to your Childs Class Teacher who will pass on your details to the parents association.

Once again, a word of thanks to all of you; Parents, Teachers and anyone who in any way helped Cullina Parents Association in their goal of enhancing the school for all.

Enjoy the Easter Break!

Chairperson: Delia Casey

Secretary: Paula O'Regan

Treasurers: Louise Riordan & Ana Prieto