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Dear Parents,

We've enjoyed a busy month here in St. Andrew's and we have lots of dates to add to your diary for the month of June

### May

#### First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Adam, Ava, Callum, Elizabeth, Hugo, Joe, J.P., Layla, Lilly, Luke, Nathan, Saoirse, Seán, Teddy & Tom who received their First Holy Communion on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. Thank you to their teacher Ms Gilligan who prepared them so well for the day. Thank you to Ms Ronan and Ms Horgan for preparing the choir and soloists. Thank you to Fr. Kevin for celebrating a beautiful Mass and for his support and guidance all year.

#### Wellbeing Week

We held our annual Wellbeing Week this month. Ms Horgan's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class led all the wonderful activities during the week. Activities included: Gratitude Art Competition, collaborative games and a healthy treat day. We had a circus workshop where we learned lots of circus tricks and had lots of fun. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class held School Fair where they raised a fantastic €465 for Pieta House. Our Summer Party concluded a truly fun and enjoyable week. Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class and their teacher Ms Horgan for organising.

#### Summer Party

Thank you to our Parents' Association, who organised a wonderful evening of music and fun for our pupils. They raised €759 for our school.

#### Creative Schools

All classes took part in a Felt Making Workshop with our Creative Schools advisor Gabriela Mc Grath. We really enjoyed learning about how felt is made and making our own felt art.

#### Blue Star Programme

Ms Mc Larnon's Senior Infants have been working very hard on the Blue Star Programme this month. They have been learning all about the European Union held their own referendum! They voted on whether school holidays should be shorter and whether children should be required to play outside! They have done quizzes online with the help of their buddies in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The quizzes were made up of questions all about the history, geography and organisation of the EU.

#### Swimming

As part of the Aquatics Strand in the P.E. Curriculum, 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class completed swimming lessons in the Aura Swimming Pool in Navan. Junior and Senior Infants completed the Paws Programme where they learned about water safety skills.

#### Rugby

We finished their rugby sessions with Naoise from Ashbourne Rugby (1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>). Children really enjoyed learning new ball skills. If your child is interested in joining the club contact <https://ashbournrugby.ie/>

## **GAA**

GAA coaching continues on Tuesdays with P.O. Caroline Butler. Thank you to Curraha GAA who fund this coaching in our school.

## **Coming up this term**

### **Early Morning Rounders**

Ms Kinsella & Ms O'Connor invite pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class to take part in early morning rounders sessions at 8.30am on Tuesdays starting on 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We look forward to upskilling in GAA rounders.

### **Corpus Christi**

Fr. Kevin has invited our First Communion class to take part in the Corpus Christi Mass and procession on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June. All welcome

### **Cumann na mBunscol Track and Field Championships, Claremont.**

The annual Cumann na mBunscol Track and Field Championships in Claremont Stadium in Navan will take place on Tuesday, June 11th. We wish our squad all the best representing our school.

### **Creative Classrooms**

All classes will take part in a Drumming Workshop on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> of June. This will be funded by our Creative Schools' grant.

### **Summer School Tours**

- **Junior Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class** will visit Navan Adventure Centre on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> where they will experience outdoor adventure activities, games and challenges.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class** will visit the Alive Outside Adventure Centre in Kilruddery Estate in Bray, Co. Wicklow on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. They will take part in team building games, obstacle challenges and other outdoor activities.
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class** will visit Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre located near Rockcorry, County Monaghan for our bi-annual overnight trip on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The centre provides a range of water-based and land-based adventure activities for all.

**Details of each tour will be sent home by your child's class teacher.**

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place on Friday, June 21st, weather permitting.

### **Graduation Day**

6th class graduation mass and ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am.

### **Camp Curragha**

Camp Curragha will run from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of July (9.30am to 1.00pm daily). This camp is open to all children from incoming Junior Infants to outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> class. Please contact Ms. Ronan or Ms. Kinsella to book a place.

### **Local and European Elections**

The school will close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June as the school will be used as a polling station for Local and European Elections.

We are all looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable June.

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Catherine O'Connor