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Dear Parents,

Well done to all the pupils, staff and parents who did so well at the Christmas Carol Service this week. A special note of thanks to Eileen Ryan and Ms. Donnelly for their hard work preparing the pupils in recent weeks.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Athletics in Fairyhouse in November. Pupils also performed very well at the Peace Proms Workshop held in the National Indoor Arena on the 8th December 2022.

During this term we set up a Pupils' Council. Many congratulations to everyone who put their names forward for election. The following pupils were elected to the Council for this term:

- Seán Phelan
- Adam Bannon
- Frankie Gilsenan
- Parsa Durrani
- Thomas McCormack
- Ciara Birmingham
- Éabha Cummins
- Colin Durnin
- Lilly Keena
- Teddy Maguire
- Kyle Parnell

We already had our first meeting during which we discussed a number of items including homework clubs, the school garden, big goal nets, the bike shed, additional school books and fundraisers throughout the year. The council will be working with school management to give pupils a voice on all school related matters that are of interest to them. We wish the council well for the term ahead.



McCormack Family Farms "Meath Feeding the Homeless"
Thank you to everyone who supported their campaign this year.





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We recently carried out a “Pupils’ Thoughts about School” questionnaire and the results are as follows:

Questions	Total	% Yes	% No	% Don't Know
I like this school	109	84.4%	1.8%	13.8%
I feel safe in the playground	109	74.3%	4.6%	21.1%
I feel safe in my class	109	96.3%	0.9%	2.8%
I get on well with the other children in my school	109	77.1%	1.8%	21.1%
The children in my class behave well	109	57.8%	5.5%	36.7%
In this school there are clear rules against hurting other people by what we say or do	109	88.1%	0.9%	11.0%
In school I have learned about different kinds of bullying	109	91.7%	4.6%	3.7%
If someone is mean to me I can get help from a teacher or other adult in the school	109	92.7%	1.8%	5.5%
All the pupils in my class are treated fairly and respectfully	109	79.8%	1.8%	18.3%
If I have a problem, I can ask an adult for help	109	91.7%	3.7%	4.6%

We can see that the pupils have a very positive attitude towards school with the majority feeling safe and happy every day. Well done to all the pupils. We are very proud of their attitudes and behaviours.

Santa visited the school today and the children had a ball. Santa also brought a selection box for everyone in the audience. Thanks to McCormack Family Farms for arranging the Santa visit. Also thank you to Keith and Rebecca Maguire, Keith Maguire Electrical, for donating the selection boxes to Santa for all the pupils this year.



Reminder that school will reopen on Thursday 5th January 2023.

Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in recent months.
We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and peaceful new year.
Go mbeire bliain ó inniu faoi mhaise orainn- May we all prosper in the year to come.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Colin McElroy

