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Dear Parents,

Well done to all the pupils who have done great work in what has been a very busy term. Don't forget to check out the school website to keep up to date with events that are ongoing in the school.

This is Ms. Harris' last week in Kiltale NS. We wish her well for the future.

Thank you to Mark Durnin for trimming the hedges around the school and parish car park.

Please find attached our "**Calendar of Events for Term 3 2022/23**".

- Thank you to everyone who supported our Parents' Association's Table Quiz and Raffle on 3rd March 2023 in Kiltale GAA Clubhouse. A great night was had by all. Thank you to the Parents' Association for all their effort organising these events as they raised a whopping **€2,806**. These funds will be used to purchase wet day activities for each classroom and external quality signs. These signs will create opportunities for learning outdoors. They will also add a splash of colour to the school building, which can improve the well being of children (and adults) learning and behaviour. This is a long term investment in our school and we are very grateful to the Parents' Association (PA) and the community for their valued contributions. Please see the PA's newsletter attached.
- We held a very successful Book Fair at the start of March. Thank you to everyone who made purchases and supported the school. We raised **€1,200** for the school to spend on reading material.
- Our last swimming lesson is this Thursday, 30th March. All the children have really enjoyed the swimming lessons and are progressing well.
- On **Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March 2023** we have an "Heritage in Schools" expert, Aidan Dockery, visiting our school to talk about and experience History. He will have lots of interesting materials with him but it would be great if the pupils and teachers brought in any old artefacts they might have at home so we can talk about them. Things like old household utensils, farm implements, letters, photographs, bank notes, WW1/2, 1916-23 material, etc. Please ensure these artefacts are safe to handle and do not pose any Health & Safety issues for pupils and staff. Please help your child to find something to bring in and discuss.
- Well done to all of the pupils who participated in the **FAI 5-a-side** soccer competitions, Cumann na mBunscol's **Mini 7's** in Gaelic football and cross country **athletics**. In term 3 we will be taking part in rounders, camogie and hurling - fixtures will be confirmed after Easter.

The HSE have previously communicated to schools about the significant increase in viral infections and Group A Strep infections this winter. We have had a significant increase in the number of illnesses and infections among the children over the past few months. We have had a



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few issues with the toilets (blockages arising from pupils putting hand towels, too much toilet paper etc..) at various stages during the year.

Within this context, The Board of Management have decided that all pupils are required to bring in their own small wash bag with face cloth / hand towel and hand sanitiser. These will be used for toilet breaks and also before break time too e.g. applying hand sanitiser before food. The rationale for introducing this protocol is that it is good for the environment and forms part of the Green Schools' Initiatives. It also encourages the pupils to become more aware and responsible for their own personal hygiene. These measures will assist us in our endeavours to stop the spread of unwanted infections and reduce the numbers falling ill in our school community. This will be introduced on a trial basis and reviewed at the end of the year.

Thank you for your understanding on this issue and continued support.

Wishing everyone in the school community a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the break.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Colin McElroy,
Principal.