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Dear Parents,

Please find attached our updated "Calendar of Events for Term 2 2023/24". This is a very busy period for all of our pupils and staff. Please note the following:

- Thank you to Fionn and Sharon for their Fyffes fit squad sessions on Wednesday 28th February for our Junior Infants class and Senior Infants & 1st Class. These promote fitness for Kids and healthy eating. The children enjoyed the bananas they brought.
- The **Girls' Mini 7's** has been rescheduled for **Monday 4th March** in Dunganny. Due to the limited bus availability parents are now requested to collect their child from Dunganny. Matches should be finished by 2.15pm and parents are requested to collect their child at this time. Good luck to the team.
- Boys in 6th Class are taking part in the FAI 5 a side soccer in MDL on **Monday 4th March**. Good luck to the team.
- From **Tuesday 5th March 2024** to Easter our GPO will be holding weekly coaching sessions in Gaelic Football for the whole school. Please wear the school tracksuit on Tuesdays until further notice.
- **Confirmation for 5th & 6th Class** takes place on Wednesday 6th March at 3pm. We wish all the pupils and their families well on this very special day.
- **NO SCHOOL - Friday 8th March 2024** due to the school being used for voting.
- **Monday 11th March 2024** 2nd to 6th Class are visiting **Croke Park** - please watch out for your epayment link to pay your contribution of €22 to this event.
- We have a **Book Fair** here in the school from Tuesday **12th March 2024**.
 - The children will be visiting the book fair most days and will bring home their "Wish Lists".
 - If you'd like to purchase any of the books on their wish list, (there is no obligation to buy everything), you can pay for them using Scholastic's online payment system <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/pay/1285503>. Please note this is only a payment system and not an ordering system.
 - Please ensure you use this link and that Kiltale NS is the school name so we will benefit from your purchase.
 - Please ensure the "Wish List" is returned to the school before **21st March 2024**, with the proof of purchase reference number, so the children can collect their books.
 - No books will be given out without proof of purchase.
 - Click this link to see the books they have available and their prices. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/bookcases>, please note not all titles may be available at the time of your fair. This is just a guide so parents can see a bigger selection of the books.

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- To encourage the pupils' love of reading we have postponed our “World Book Day” to **Friday 22nd March 2024** when the pupils can **dress up as a character from any book of their choice**.
- Girls in 5th & 6th Class are taking part in the FAI 5 a side soccer in MDL on **Wednesday 13th March**. Good luck to the team.
- To celebrate St. Patrick’s Day we are having a **“Green Day”** on **Friday 15th March 2024**. All children can wear green clothes, if they wish or their tracksuit, with a hat or headgear to celebrate St. Patrick. The classes will be learning songs as gaeilge and practising their Irish throughout the month of March. SNAG.ie gives a full list of activities and events for Seachtain na Gaeilge. A full list of useful Irish websites is provided below. We want to encourage everyone to use the cúpla focal in school and the wider community.
 - <https://www.focloir.ie/> English / Irish dictionary
 - <https://www.tearma.ie/> The National Terminology Database for Irish
 - <https://www.teanglann.ie/ga/> Irish Grammar website
 - <https://www.logainm.ie/en/> Database of Irish placenames
 - <https://daltai.com/> Irish phrases, proverbs, grammar classes, etc.
 - <https://ceea.org.uk/learning-resources/cod-na-gaeilge> Irish language resources, games

These websites would be beneficial to all pupils throughout their time in primary and secondary school. A seanfhocal (proverb) we have learned this year is “Is fearr gaeilge bhriste ná Béarla cliste” (Broken Irish is better than clever English). A good place to start for even the beginners among us.

- **No School Monday 18th March 2024**.
- **Wednesday 20th March** Dunshaughlin Active First Responders will hold “Life Saving Skills” Demos for all pupils in the school.
- **Meath Primary Schools Cross Country Competition - Thursday 21st March 2024** we will be competing in this event, teams will be selected and competitors notified closer to the day.
- From **March 25th to 27th** the Parents’ Association will be holding a **Clothes Collection** to raise funds for the school. Please click the link below for details
[Kiltale N.S. Parents Association Clothes Collection March 2024](#)
- **School closes at 12 noon on Friday 22nd March 2024 for everyone for Easter.**

Le gach dea-ghuí.
Colin McElroy,
Principal,

Orla Dunne.
Acting Deputy Principal.

Please Note: Women’s Aid are holding a Coffee Morning in Kiltale GAA Clubhouse on Friday 8th March from 10am to 12 noon. Please see details attached.