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Dear Parents,

Only 19 days left in this academic school year! I wonder am I the only one who thinks it has flown by?

Isn't it great having such lovely sunny weather too. We are getting to do lots of activities outdoors. I suggest popping a sunhat into the bag and putting sun cream on exposed areas as we like to do P.E. on the beach or take our lessons into the back garden while the pleasant weather continues. I hope I haven't jinxed it.

All students, with the exception of Junior Infants have completed **standardised tests** in the last few days. These can be tough going but delighted everyone did their very best (results listed on the reports which will be put in envelopes addressed to parents and given to the oldest siblings on June 21<sup>st</sup>.)

**All written home work has concluded this** week as per our home work policy and most classes will continue reading and spellings until Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. No homework in the last week of term.

**Book lists** have been distributed with holiday lists. These are available to view on our website (under news section and under each class section) should you misplace them.

**All book rental Monday for current classes 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> must be in by Friday June 15<sup>th</sup>** (so I have enough time to purchase, cover and label books for September.)

**Classes 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** enjoyed meeting Ian Sheridan, at Howth RNLi station and having a tour and lesson in water safety. Thank you again to Ian Massey (Conor and Abby's Dad) for organising this.

### **5<sup>th</sup> CLASS AND JEP**

**5<sup>th</sup> Class** "Jumped for joy" on Wednesday as they had their fun day out with the profits from the JEP. After much class discussion and deliberation they choose "**Jumpzone**" in Santry and pizza and fun and games in **Father Collins park** to celebrate the success of their business venture. They have been invited to a **showcase of all JEP participants in the RDS on June 18<sup>th</sup>** and there are whispers that they could be short listed for a prize (and some folk thought they were "barking mad" making dog toys!) A bus will be provided to and from the RDS and details will follow for 5<sup>th</sup> class parents.

### **SCHOOL TOUR**

Notes about school tours will be **emailed on June 11<sup>th</sup>**, dates remain as per pervious newsletter:

**Junior and Senior Infants – June 21<sup>st</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class- June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**5<sup>th</sup> class – June 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS AND ST MICHAELS HOUSE**

2<sup>nd</sup> Class met with their friends in St Michael's house a fortnight ago and enjoyed some singing and parachute games. Due to various closures and celebrations, they will have 3 more Fridays to see their pals again.

- Friday 8<sup>th</sup>
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup>
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **STAFF NEWS**



We will wish **Kim Anderson** all the very best as she starts her maternity leave on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June – I know she will miss her Senior Infants and she promises to visit us and let us meet her baby in September. Ms Maeve Swindell as most senior member of staff will be acting Deputy Principal. **Ms Amy Atkinson** will be teaching Senior Infants for the remainder of the term.

Ms Vicki Craig will be returning to The Burrow after her career break.

We are desperately sorry to be losing **Ms Laura Hoffman** from our staff – she is off to sunnier climes in Dubai but we are hopeful she will return to The Burrow in the future.

We have 2 temporary teaching positions to fill for September 2018. Once these positions have been filled we will announce class teachers for September (late June)

**Ms Susan Helen** (on Career break this year) has resigned from her permanent position and we wish her well for her wedding in August and her future career.

**Ms Clodagh Kelly** will now be a **permanent** member of staff from August 30<sup>th</sup> and we are thrilled to have her remain on the our teaching team.

Congratulations to **Gavin and his wife Louisa** on the birth of their 3<sup>rd</sup> child, but 1<sup>st</sup> daughter Georgia May.

### **GARDEN**

**Mrs Lorna Hopkins** has worked her “green fingers” on our back garden patch and with the help of **Ms Swindell and her 4<sup>th</sup> class gardeners** they have done trojan work with beds, soil, bark, flower beds, planting and creating what was once a neglected overgrown area into an abundance of new life and growth – we hope to reap the benefits of their labour very soon.

### **BEFORE**



### **AFTER**



### **SPORTS**

**After school Athletics** – training this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> for boys and girls due to bank holiday. Athletics training concludes with an afternoon of inhouse competition on Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> at Suttonians, usual time for both boys and girls.

Well done to the **Leinster Tennis teams**, in particular the boys who made it to the finals yesterday in Greystones Lawn Tennis Club though they were narrowly beaten by Glebe National School. **Marcel, Hugh, Michael, Andrew, Max, Tristan and to James and Adam** who subbed for the semi-finals and the final.

Well done to **Finn Watson** in 4th class who won **Gold in the 50 m Breaststroke** for the Burrow School Sunday 20th in Kilkenny at the **Leinster Schools swim Gala**.



### **Santry sports May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

We had 2 very successful days in Santry with students taking home **2 gold medals, 1 silver and 2 bronze in field events and 3 relay team winners** on the track events. Everyone who participated on the two days are all winners in our eyes; they represent the school with pride and put in their best effort and always maintain a positive attitude and encourage their fellow pals.



## **INTERSCHOOL SPORTS IN SUTTON PARK**

Yesterday and in glorious sunshine, all our athletes competed in Sutton Park School against them and St Fintan's School (unfortunately Howth Primary couldn't make it)

**We had lots of medal winners there too and once again our students supported each other and competed with great pride.**



## **2<sup>nd</sup> CLASS BEACH TRIP**

2<sup>nd</sup> class enjoyed an impromptu trip to the beach! As did Senior Infants and their 5<sup>th</sup> class buddies.



## **6<sup>th</sup> CLASS GRADUATION**

**On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm** in the Hall 6<sup>th</sup> class will put on a **show** for the school – 2 adult guests per 6<sup>th</sup> class student are very fortunate to be invited along to share in this occasion with us.

This day is typically chosen as it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> last day of the school (last day is too busy) and it is proposed by the staff and as with any school event it is approved by the Board of Management. I do realise that unfortunately that it may not suit everyone. Let's hope the sun shines and we all get to say a final farewell to our friends and families in 6<sup>th</sup> class. This is a lovely opportunity for the school to enjoy the many "hidden talents" of the 6<sup>th</sup> class students.

We will say goodbye to all our 6<sup>th</sup> class students to the following families after many wonderful years at the Burrow:

- \* Stanley
- \* Gulman
- \* Fennell
- \* Snodgrass
- \* Dunne
- \* McDonnell
- \* Bedford Costello
- \* Malcolm
- \* Nevin
- \* Nangle

**PA Sports Day and school disco** – details to follow next week once finalised.

For **Sports Day** the students are divided into 4 house colours, white, blue, red and green. Siblings are in the same house colours. House colour lists are now displayed on the infant door. They remain in their house colour for every sports day for their time at the Burrow.

## ACTIVE WEEK JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>



Dance every morning in the yard 8.35 – 8.55 am we would love to see everyone moving and grooving!

Every child will get to do tennis at the SLTC during this week and there will also be rugby, hockey, Pilates and basketball for some classes.

Please remember to wear runners and suitable sporty gear all that week and sun cream and hat if sunny as all the activities will be outdoors – including Pilates! (Euan, Saoirse and Aoibhe McInnes's Mum) Thank you **Janette**, once again for volunteering your time to help to keep the children active.

There are lots of updates on our website for you to view in relation to child's class.

**\*\*\*\*Last day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30\*\*\*\***

Wishing you all the very best for the last few weeks and the summer holidays ahead. It has been another wonderful year and looking forward to seeing you all on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

*dynn Herley*

& the Burrow staff