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Dear parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and we are all ready for the summer term. It has been another unusual academic year for our students, but we have been so fortunate to have kept everyone safe and well at the Burrow, and we are hopeful this will continue for this last term.

**\*\*\*Please do not enter the school gates without wearing a mask, be it for infant pick up or dropping something off\*\*\***

## CONGRATULATIONS



**Mrs O'Brien** is delighted to share the wonderful news of her pregnancy, with her first baby due in September. She will continue to work from home as directed by the department and the HSE and Mr McLeod will teach 2nd class until further directives are issued.

## DRESS UP



The children enjoyed some 'dress up' days last month, **with Junior Infants and 4<sup>th</sup> wearing their pyjamas, Senior Infants their slippers, 1<sup>st</sup> wearing their onesie and 2<sup>nd</sup> wearing non uniform, with Mr McLeod wearing the uniform instead!**



The senior classes will be doing similar 'dress up' this month with:

3 <sup>rd</sup> class	Jersey Day	Friday April 16 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> class	Pyjamas	Friday April 16 <sup>th</sup>
6 <sup>th</sup> class	Crazy hair	Friday April 16 <sup>th</sup>

## **ST PATRICKS DAY**



The classes enjoyed some céilí dancing in the yard on March 16<sup>th</sup>, as they celebrated St Patrick's Day wearing green and enjoying traditional music and dance.



## **REUBEN THE ENTERTAINER**

A huge thank you to **Ms Swindell** for organising and funding Reuben's comedy magic show via zoom for the students in **classes 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>** on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The laughter could be heard throughout the corridor.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**From Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** we are hoping to run an after school sports activity for **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class outdoors**, in keeping with government guidelines.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class Monday 2.15-3.15 Ms Lynn and Ms Kelly.**

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Tuesday 2.15-3.15 Ms Atkinson and Ms Johns**

The activities will be weather dependent and will change each week. We are hoping to have **rounders on the beach, tennis at Baltray courts, high jump and hurdles** in the yard and a mixture of ball sports. Unfortunately there is no Santry inter school sports event, which we would typically be training for at this time with the senior students, but we will try to have some sport and fun with the activities we have planned.

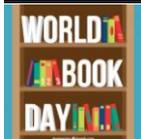
The students can stay behind after school on their day and we will compile a roll from this and bill you accordingly as with the after school sports we

organised in the first term. Unfortunately we are not in a position to offer the activities to the younger classes.

## **STANDARDISED TESTING**

We will be conducting standardised tests for all classes with the exception of Junior Infants in late May/early June. The results will provide us with good indicators of the students' progress and will assist us with future planning for the academic year ahead.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**



To celebrate World Book Day the students dressed up as their favourite book character. Thanks to all of you who participated, as we appreciate how difficult it was to organise a costume during lock down. We appreciated all the effort and well done to the two students who won 'best costume' in each class, **Kitty and Ben M, Isobel and Peter, Maizie and Isaac, Harry and Clara, Abby and Jan, Minnie, Romie and Rachel, Eva and Kaylm, Charlotte and Mark.**





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Seven week cycling instruction programme for 6<sup>th</sup> class commences today with an in class tutorial. They will be in the yard on bicycles for the following Monday sessions.
- GAA training with Paddy will commence for Senior students.
- iPad instruction for six of our eight classes will commence in mid-May.

## SUMMER TERM FUN



The summer term for students usually hails a gaeltacht trip for 6<sup>th</sup> class, school tours, sports day and the end of year graduation show, to name a few. We will be unable to have some of these events, but we are keen to maintain the enjoyment the children experience in their last term, in particular for the senior classes.

The following is a hopeful list of activities for during the school day and evening....

- **Individual class sport day**, on the Burrow Beach, with sprints and some fun races.
- 'Take away' food and **outdoor movie** evening in the school back garden **for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>** (at separate times but the same evening)
- **Ice cream van** to the yard as a special treat for break!
- Various **class trips to local venues** instead of school tours, even if it is just a picnic on the beach for the junior students!
- **6<sup>th</sup> Class end of year graduation show**, outdoors for the students, perhaps two/three showings to cater safely for everyone. We will wait and see if closer to the time parents will be permitted to attend a special showing, outdoors of course.
- **Barbecue for 6<sup>th</sup> class**, School Garden, Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 12-2.15pm, students only.

Looking forward to an educational rich summer term, with enjoyment and fun, whilst staying safe and adhering to government guidelines.

Lynn Harley  
& The Burrow Staff