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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 23rd August: 1st Year Induction into Secondary school

Monday 26th August: School commences

PTA

We wish to thank the Parent Teachers Association for all their marvellous work over the year: Christmas Fete, Sports' Day BBQ, Family Quiz, Ice Cream Van and 6th class treats. The PTA is working on their next big project for the Junior School. Thank you for all your hard work.

6th CLASS

We bid farewell to our 6th class. We wish you all well in Senior School and look forward to you visiting us again in the Junior School next year.

The PTA very kindly funded a farewell day out at Carlingford Adventure Centre in May for the departing 6th class. All 6th class, accompanied by Ms. Lait and Mr Shekleton ventured up the mountain to the Skypark to the ziplining, high ropes etc. After a tasty lunch and ice cream, we took to the forest to enjoy some the Laser combat (as the weather didn't favour us taking to the water), and finally home at 5pm, exhausted but full of tales of excitement. Thank you also to the PTA who organised special farewell hoodies for the 6th class, a souvenir to keep and ponder on in the years to come.

MUSIC

Well done to all the 52 children who recently sat their recorder Cara award exams. Congratulations to Grace, Harry, Lara, Sophie, Jack I, Jack W, Holly, Jude, Harriet, Liam, Ciaran, Aoife, Calum, Robyn, Mary Kate, Esme, Louis, Katie Goodman, Caoilfhionn and Lucy on their recent Piano exams. Well done to Ryan on his Violin exam and to Sean and Jack on their guitar exam. Congratulations to Esme, Sophie McA, Gabrielle, Robyn, Eleanor, Harriet, Katie Grant, Holly and Harry on their singing exam. Well done to the children who participated in Feis Ceoil in Newry in May. The children were delighted with the challenge. Their teachers Mrs. O'Connor Moneley, Ms. Sarah McCourt, Mr. Kieran Holt, Mr. Emmett Fallon, Ms Roisin Dooley and Ms. Deirdre Ni Bhuachalla and the school are very proud of you all.

The highlight of our music year was our Music Recital which was held in May. Everyone had a chance to participate and we all thoroughly enjoyed playing and singing for our parents and friends. Congratulations to our new Junior School band 'InterVision'. We had a great variety of instruments played: piano, violin, guitar, clarinet, recorder, drums, flute and harp.

SPEECH & DRAMA

Congratulations to the children (all 66 of you) who recently sat their Leinster School exams in Speech and Drama. Ms Geraldine Kieran is delighted with your performance and the results were excellent.

SPORTS NEWS

Our own Sports day took place at the beginning of May. We had many races including the long and short distances, hoop throwing, penalty shoot-out and an obstacles course to name but a few. A few Junior Infants pupils amazed us in the penalty shoot-out. Footballers to come! All the participants received a medal. Izzy O'Sullivan and Jack Weir in the junior category, Oliver Hill and Nessa Brady in the senior category received the Sportsmanship awards. Thank you to the PTA for the lovely barbeque and bouncy castles. Thank you to all. It was a great day and we can't wait until next year's Sports day.

Congratulations to all 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th classes who played very well in the hockey blitz with St Peters School from Drogheda.

SCHOOL TOURS

The school 3rd – 6th classes went on their school tour to the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast. We learned about the history of the Titanic, major landmarks, enjoyed interesting memorabilia, lots of interactive history and an educational workshop on Abandon Ship which showed great teamwork.

We had such a great day.

The Infant, 1st and 2nd classes enjoyed a visit to Armagh Planetarium. Lots of planets, stars night skies and shooting off rockets.

UNIFORMS

Please note when purchasing uniform items: If small blazers are unavailable in the school stockist Michael Lynch's in Dundalk, small navy blazers (which are machine washable) can be purchased in any Marks & Spencer and Michael Lynch's will very kindly sew on the crest for you. There are still some (small sizes) blazers in the PTA second hand box which will be available at the beginning of the school year at a nominal cost.

Please note that the Grammar school grey uniform skirt is box pleated (no pinafores please) and shoes must be leather, not runners nor canvas shoes. Box pleated skirts are available in Michael Lynch's, smaller sizes in Marks & Spencer and Dunnes Stores. Please check length of skirt which is below the knee.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND TIMES

The Junior School opens for the new academic year on Monday 26th August. However, the 1st years, our present 6th class will have their induction day on Friday 23rd August.

School opening times are as follows: morning opening at 8.20am for supervision, classes begin at 8.50am.

It is important that all children are in school by 8.45am to enable classes to begin at 8.50am. It is very disruptive for children arriving late on a regular basis. Please note change in time for the Junior Infants: Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm until end of September, thereafter from October the finish time for Junior Infants is 2pm. All other classes, Senior Infants to 6th class finish at 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday, we close at 2.30pm. Some children stay after school but only if they have signed up and participating in the Afternoon activities. After school activities finish a 3.50pm. Please make sure children are picked up on time.

SUMMER CAMPS

Tennis camp at Dundalk Tennis Club with John McGahon and Deirdre Winters (apply directly)

Swimming Camps in Aura Swimming Pool in Dundalk (apply directly)

Two Anyone4Science camps will be run in the Junior School during the holidays. Leaflets were sent out but all details are available on www.anyone4science.com

Congratulations to Arina Parshina and Harry Maguire Travers who won the free places in the July camp and to Ryan Bradley and Caleen Kirk who won the places in the August camp.

END OF YEAR

The Junior School enjoyed 6th class' final 'Show and Tell'. Lots of dogs, cats, guinea pigs to name a few.

Our final assembly of the year focused on all the wonderful friendships we have made and how we should value everyone in life. The Junior School serenaded the school with their upbeat rendition of 'Shotgun'. Most of all, pupils were asked to be careful and safe over the summer holidays ahead.

We thank the PTA for their lovely surprise of the arrival of the Ice Cream van on the last day of school.

Wishing you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer

Elaine Lait