

#### .Food Dudes

Our school took part in the 'Food Dudes' initiative from 13th - 17th May. This gave pupils the opportunity to taste different fruit and vegetables everyday.

#### Uniform

During finer weather, children are permitted to wear navy shorts to school. We ask that these come to the knee. Please apply sunscreen before school and give children a sunhat/cap and plenty of water, when the need arises.

### Co. Wexford School Sports Day.

On Wednesday 34 pupils participated in the Co. Wexford School Sports Day in the Enniscorthy Sports Hub. Well done to all of the boys and girls who participated. 12 individuals and two relay teams qualified from the heats to semi-finals. Congratulations to our finalists Kieran Sinnott, Niall Rochford, Ben Reddy and Zara Britton along with our U10 and U12 boys relay teams. Zara went on to win the girls 400m race. A huge congratulations to her in particular. Everyone had a great day!





# **Important Dates**

Final day of homework club: 23rd May

Mid term break: 27th - 3rd June inclusive

Sponsored walk cards to be returned by: 4th June

Graduation Mass for 6th class: 5th June

Sponsored walk: 6th June

School closed (to facilitate polling): 7th June

School tours: Junior Infants 5th June

Seniors - 2nd 17th June

3rd - 6th 14th June

Incoming infants open night: 11th June

School reports released to parents 14th June

6th class last day: 21st June

School closed for summer holidays( half Day 12 o'clock) 28th June

#### Calendar

The calendar for the academic year 2024/25 was shared with parents/ guardians via Aladdin last week

## \*\*Gaeilge\*\*

The pupils are making great strides in their Gaeilge. Please continue to encourage them in their efforts and engage with them as much as possible. This will really help to reinforces their learning in school.

Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.



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#### **Attendance**

Please continue to support your child's attendance in school as this is essential for both their academic and social development

## PM readers:

Children often bring home PM readers for homework. Unfortunately, we are missing quite a number of these. If you have any PM readers at home, please send them into school otherwise the cost will have to be recouped

# **First Holy Communion**

A huge congratulations to 2nd class on making their First Communion on 11th May. You made your teacher, Ms L. Sinnott and the entire school community very proud. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the pupils and choir members. It is much appreciated.



## **Hurling 365**

Hurling 365 continues for all pupils who wish to take part on Wednesday mornings (weather permitting) from 8:00—8-50. Thank you to all the volunteers.

#### **Green Schools**

Our Green School Committee continue to teach our pupils about the Global Goals. We have also been busy planting our vegetable beds. Many thanks to the committee who worked with 6th class and junior infants on this project.

# Wellbeing Committee Amber Flag

A massive thank you to all who participated in and donated to the Pyjamas Day in aid of Pieta House. We raised €222.57. Our Amber Flag application is pending and we hope to hear good news very soon. Wellbeing week will take place from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> June.

# **Sponsored Walk**

The sponsored walk is an important fundraiser for our school each year. Children brought home their cards on Tuesday 21st May. We plan to give prizes to pupils who make a particularly big effort. Please bring them back to school on Tuesday 4th June. The sponsored walk will take place on 6th June. As always, we are very grateful for any support.

## **Active School**

We are currently taking part in the 'Road To Paris Challenge'. Each week we have been instructed by the Irish Olympians through some movement breaks. We stopped in the towns of some of the Irish Olympians on our way to Paris. The route we took was Dublin to Belfast, Belfast to Galway, Galway to Limerick and then on to Paris. Most classes are nearly in Paris now. We enjoyed a live session with Rhys McClenaghan last Friday. He had some great tips on keeping calm when under pressure.

The ASF Committee

#### **Rounders**

On Tuesday the 7th of May, both rounders teams had a great day out in Barntown NS, where they played two games. This was both teams first ever time playing a competitive rounders game and they did themselves and their school proud. Both teams had a great win against Ballycanew, and were unfortunate to lose out against very strong Barntown teams.

On Monday the 20th of May, they travelled to St. Senans National School where both the boys and the girls teams played. The girls had a super game and narrowly lost out. They are now into a Shield Quarter Final. The boys had a great win, and are now into a County Quarter Final. Well done to all involved.

## Rackard league

There was great excitement in Wexford Park last Friday evening when our Rackard league hurling team won the Roinn A hurling title. They gave an outstanding performance and showed real character to overcome strong opponents, Castletown. This is a game that will live long in their memory and there was great skill on display. Thanks to all involved, Mr. Nolan and Ms. Griffin who coached the team, and all parents for their help and support throughout the year!

