



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school term finishes on Friday on a half day. We will finish at 12.30pm and the school will reopen in the New Year on Monday, 08 January 2024.

It has been an action-packed term. Many thanks to Ms. Lillis who got our Facebook, Instagram and X pages up running where you may have seen some snippets of recent activities.

Before the term even began our Parents Association held a very Spooky Disco on Halloween Night. Thanks to Catherine Duffy & Karen Hayes and all members of the Parents Association who organised this fun filled evening which raised €600 for our school.

On 8<sup>th</sup> of November we had our winter clothes collection, thanks to everyone who donated sacks of recycled clothing.

Also on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 'Cycle Right' lessons commenced for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class for four weeks. Last year we received a grant for €10,000 to construct a shelter for 20 Cycle Spaces under the 'Safe Routes to School' initiative co-ordinated by An Taisce. So, we thought that it would be a great time to offer safe cycling instruction and encourage more cycling to school. We hope to follow this up next year with a 'Bring Your Bike' to school day and an organised garda escorted cycle during 'Active Week'.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of November pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class were invited to a Circus Workshop in Cloughjordan. The workshops were facilitated by 3 Youth Circus Tutors and the session focused on Hula Hoop tricks, feather balancing, Plate spinning, Saucer manipulation and Skipping rope skills.

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November Ms. Byrne attended Tipperary Sports Partnership & Orienteering Ireland training at the CBS in Nenagh. So this is something we hope to introduce next year as orienteering offers a creative and inexpensive activity in schools and is suitable for a range of ages and fitness levels. We would like to congratulate Ms Byrne who has recently been appointed as Assistant Principal II in our School.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of November our Parents Association held a Table Quiz in Ollie Hayes Bar. The quiz was very well attended and raised over €3,600 for our school. I would like to thank Anne Maxwell and Carmel Gleeson who organised the quiz, raffle & auction and to all the many parents that assisted. Many thanks all those who very generously supported the event by donating and buying items in the Auction. Thanks to Teresa Harney our Quiz Master and Willie Jones our MC on the night.

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of November the children presented over 50 Shoeboxes to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. It was so lovely to see the thought and generosity that went into the donations for each and every box. Many Thanks also to all those who built their own box online.

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November our U13 girls won their Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football County Final. It was the first time in 8 years that we had this level of success. On the day we celebrated with a Pizza Party back in the school very kindly donated by our bus driver Jason Ryan from 'Ryan Coaches, Roscrea' and today the girls were presented with their medals by Moneygall All-Star Camogie legend Mary Ryan. Mary also took time today to show pictures and give a very interesting and informative presentation on her recent trip to Kenya in Africa where she & other GPA players fundraised and assisted 'Self Help Africa' in their goal to plant 1 million trees.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November children from Senior Infants received their HSE Vaccinations.

Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class attended a Blitz in the CBS in Nenagh on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of November. The group were split into three and played against a variety of teams. Thanks to Cumann na mBunscoil for organising the event and for CBS Transition Year students for refereeing on the day.

In the beginning of December 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class began a ten week course of STEAM Engineering in a Box Programme. Brian Quinlan from BAM very kindly volunteered to be the co-ordinating engineer. The programme has a project element, it is very creative - the pupils have already created sweet factories, wind turbines and bridges using resources provided by 'STEAM in a Box' and following the fundamentals of engineering. The class are also lucky enough to have been invited to take part in a research study for Ms. Cleary who is currently undertaking a dissertation as part of her PhD on the importance of STEM.

The beginning of December was taken up with preparations for our school Carol Service in the Obama Plaza on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Thanks to Denise Jordan and all members of the Parents Association who assisted. Many Thanks for all your kind donations. We were very proud of the children and their performances warmed our hearts. The Bucket Collection raised over €700 for the school.

A huge thank you to our Parents' Association who organised for Santa to visit the school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Santa was escorted safely to the school by a Garda Squad Car and was protected for the day by Garda Maureen Finnerty. He was in jolly form chatting and singing all day. Thanks to Siobhan Ryan and all her Elves on the Parents Association who made sure Santa got to see every child.

The Ukranian Children made a Christmas Scene out of old books entitled 'Moneygall Winter World' for the Nenagh Christmas Tree Festival. With help from their English Teacher Ms. O'Dowd and some 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils they made 2 other trees 'The Star of the Show' and 'The Many colours of Moneygall School' out of pompoms and paper. The PomPom tree was made in the Ukranian, Polish and Moneygall colours. All 3 entries got a lot of votes and impressed the visitors who came to the festival.

Molde'c, Molodets, Maith Thú & Well done to all involved!

A big thanks to our School Secretary Eileen Kennedy who co-ordinated the School Christmas Cards and the Christmas Annuals. Thanks also to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Mary I Student Michaela Quinlan who has assisted with many projects in the school over the last few months. Thanks also to Transition Year Students Aoife Flynn and Katie Hayes who are in school this week helping all classes with festive art & craft projects.

#### Board of Mangement

We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to the incoming board of management of our school and we want to sincerely thank the outgoing board of management. Thank you to David Donnelly our outgoing Chairman and welcome to Henry Healy our new Chairman. Thank you to Rachel Flynn our outgoing parent's nominee and welcome Eileen Ryan. Thank you to Seán Conlon our outgoing Community Representative and welcome back John Duggan. Thank you Pauline McCormack (Treasurer), Willie Jones (Community Representative), Damian Egan (Staff Nominee) and Seán Nolan (Parent's Nominee) for agreeing to undertake a new term from 2023- 2027.

#### Christmas Activities in Ms. Mockler's Infant Room

This December, Junior and Senior infants have been busy reenacting Santa's Workshop in our Aistear classes. They pretended to be elves making toys, wrapping presents, and preparing the reindeers food for the big journey ahead. They even got the chance to make and decorate delicious Christmas cookies in Santa's bakery, for a well deserved treat after all our hard work!





### Dates for your Diary 2024

- First Reconciliation in Moneygall Church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- Confirmation in Moneygall Church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- First Holy Communion in Dunkerrin Church on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class School Tour on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.
- Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class School Tour on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2024.

From all the staff in the school we wish you a very Happy Christmas & New Year.

Nollaig Shona agus athbliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.



 Merry  
Christmas