



# Presentation Primary School

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## May and June News Round Up

Dear Parents,

The past two months have been a hive of activity here at Presentation Primary School. We are thrilled to share with you the highlights and achievements of our students during this period.

### **First Holy Communion**

Our second class pupils celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11th, in St. Mary's Church, Clonmel. We were so proud of all the Communicants on the day. They had a second opportunity to wear their Communion attire during our May Procession and prayer service on May 28th. Fr. Billy and some Sisters from the convent joined us to celebrate this special occasion.

### **Sporting News**

On May 15th, our senior soccer team participated in the Munster finals of the FAI Primary 5s competition. They won their first match and were narrowly defeated in the other two. We are incredibly proud of the girls for making it to the Munsters. Additionally, a selection of 3rd and 4th class pupils participated in the athletics track and field competition here in Clonmel. The girls trained hard and performed exceptionally well.

On June 16th, a team of 5th class pupils participated in a football blitz organised by our neighbours, Presentation Secondary School. The girls enjoyed the event immensely. Our Under 11 camogie team travelled to Durlas Óg on May 21st to play in the Cumann na mBunscoil County Semi-Final against Coleville N.S. Despite their great skill and teamwork, Coleville

proved too strong on the day. It is fantastic to see the improvement our girls have made and will continue to make.

### **Fyffes Ireland's Fittest School Competition**

We are delighted to announce that Presentation Primary School is now the third fittest school in Ireland after competing in a nationwide competition run by Fyffes bananas. From January to May, schools around the country submitted photos and videos of exercises completed by classes. Four schools were chosen to compete for prizes totalling €8,000. The grand finale took place in Dublin on May 24th, hosted by World Para Rowing champion Katie O'Brien and Olympians Phil Healy and David Gillick. Finishing in third place, our school won sports equipment worth €1,000. We would like to congratulate St. Mary's Touraneena National School for winning the overall competition and €5,000 worth of sports equipment. Well done to all our students and teachers who participated. Our school team was made up of the following students: Cillian O'Shea (Junior Infants), Jonah O'Halloran (Senior Infants), Arianna McDonnell (1<sup>st</sup> class), Ellie Cagney (2<sup>nd</sup> class), Jane Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> class), Hannah Osiecka (4<sup>th</sup> class), Klaudia Compa (5<sup>th</sup> class) and Katie Compton (6<sup>th</sup> class).





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## **Standardised Tests and Summer Reports**

During May, all classes from 1st to 6th completed end-of-year standardised testing in Spelling, Literacy, and Maths. The results have been shared in the children's summer reports, which are now available to view on Aladdin Connect. If you require a hard copy or a translation into another language, please contact the office.

## **School Tours**

All classes have now been on their school tours. Our junior infants travelled to Marlhill Farm, senior infants went to Leahy's Open Farm, 1st and 2nd classes journeyed to Fota Wildlife Park, 3rd and 4th classes visited Wexford Heritage Park and Splashworld, and 5th and 6th classes enjoyed a day in Dunmore East. The children had a great time and were fortunate with the weather.

Our second class and students in our Speech and Language classes attended the Clonmel Show – Pedigree Day on May 31st. They had great fun participating in a competition to name a sheep. Congratulations to Layla Gartland for winning first prize and naming the sheep Baaarbara!

## **Sports Days**

We hosted our Senior Sports Day on June 12th and our Junior Sports Day on June 13th. Students participated in events such as Kool School Activities with Niall, Camogie with coaches from St. Mary's, football with Brian White, novelty races, water relays, dance and a range of indoor games and activities. Sports Day is always a favourite for our students and teachers alike!

## **Sponsored Walk**

On June 12th, our Parents Council hosted

a sponsored walk to raise money for ICT resources in our school. We had a great turnout and are delighted to report that we raised €4,035. Thank you to everyone who donated. Your support is much appreciated. Congratulations to our raffle prize winners. Thank you to our Parents Council for organising this wonderful event.

## **Retirement Announcement and Future Changes at Nano's Nest Playschool**

After 23 years of dedicated service, Denise Power and Creina Connelly will be retiring from Nano's Nest playschool. Denise and Creina developed Nano's Nest from the ground up, and it has been a wonderful asset to our school community ever since. Their commitment, love, and hard work have touched the lives of countless children and families, creating a nurturing and enriching environment for early education. As they embark on this new chapter, we wish them the best of luck with their retirement and extend our deepest gratitude for everything they have done for the school. The legacy they leave behind will be cherished for years to come.

Starting this September, Busy Bees will be taking over the preschool operations. For all enquiries regarding the upcoming changes, please contact Vanessa at Busy Bees.

## **Focus on Attendance**

One of our key focuses during this school year was to examine our current attendance rates and identify ways to improve them. It's important to remember that every five days a child misses school equates to a full week of learning lost. At



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this time of year, we must acknowledge and award the outstanding efforts made by some of our pupils (and their parents) to maintain excellent attendance throughout the school year. Congratulations to the following students who have won this year's attendance awards and will receive their medals at next week's assembly:

100% attendance:

Holly Harney (Junior Infants)

Oisín O'Shea (Junior Infants)

Caoilinne Micheal (3<sup>rd</sup> class)

1 day missed:

Elsa Maria Antony (2<sup>nd</sup> class)

Hayley O'Regan (4<sup>th</sup> class)

Less than 3 days:

Cillian O'Shea (Junior Infants)

Cillian Johnson (Senior Infants)

Vera McEvoy (Senior Infants)

Jenna McLoughlin Kiely (1<sup>st</sup> class)

Jane Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> class)

Hannah Dennehy (5<sup>th</sup> class)

Callie Ahearne (junior Infants)

Ellie Cagney (2<sup>nd</sup> class)

Grace Sullilvan (3<sup>rd</sup> class)

Mayar Osman (3<sup>rd</sup> class)

Maisie Dennehy (5<sup>th</sup> class)

Kate Hewitt (5<sup>th</sup> class)

Ava Wilson (5<sup>th</sup> class)

Farah Hakki (6<sup>th</sup> class)

We encourage everyone to make a great effort with attendance in the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. Let's work together to ensure that every student can benefit from the fullest educational experience possible.

## Upcoming Dates and Events for Next Week:

- **17th May:** Last day of 'Say Yes to Languages' programme with Clarisse, our French tutor.
- **18th May:** Speech and Language class graduation.
- **19th May:** Senior Infant graduation at 1:30 pm. 6th class graduation mass at 7 pm in the Convent chapel, followed by celebrations in the lunchroom.
- **21st June:** School closes at 12:30 pm for all pupils for our summer holidays.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the summer break. Have a wonderful summer with your families.

To our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils and senior infant boys: It has been so wonderful to have you here with us. We wish you the very best of luck as you move onto your new schools and look forward to hearing all about your future endeavours and accomplishments.

Warm regards,

*Tanya O'Brien*

Principal