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Dear Parent,

It is hard to believe the Halloween break is almost upon us. We have an action packed two weeks leading up to it and contained in this newsletter are all the details.

Yours sincerely,

Eilis Treacy

School Principal

Galway team visit

On Monday 23rd of October, members of the Galway team and management will visit the school along with the Liam McCarthy and the Irish Press cups.

We have been very busy preparing a welcome for our heroes and we look forward to a very enjoyable day.

We will of course wear our county colours that day of Maroon and white. The pupils can bring their flags and banners and any spare flags or banners would be much appreciated for decorating the school for the day.

We haven't got a definite time of arrival yet but parents will be texted in advance and are welcome to visit to meet the players that come and take photographs.

Cash for Clobber

Cash for Clobber this year will be on **Wednesday the 15th of November**.

Gather any old clothes, bed linen, shoes and fill the bags we send home this week. The last few years have generated €800 each which were spent on Green Schools and teacher resources. It's a very pain free, hassle free way of making funds for the school.

The path of our donated clothes is very interesting and more information can be found on www.cashforclobber.ie

I have seen donated clothes sold in markets in India, Morocco and Tanzania and our unwanted clothes provide real livelihoods and great fashion for people in many 3rd world countries.



Upcoming Events

October 27

School Halloween Dress-Up

Oct 30th- Nov 4th

Halloween Mid-term break

November 15th & 16th

Parent/Teacher Meetings

November 15

Cash For Clobber Collection

December 8

School closed

Check out the full calendar on www.eyrecourtns.ie

Money collections:

Some money still outstanding

Music

€20 to Christmas
(1st class to 6th class)



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



It is much too early to be mentioning Christmas, however the shoeboxes have a long way to travel and need to be packed now. The forms and labels will be distributed this week and the boxes will be collected after the Halloween break.

This is a very worthwhile activity and

our pupils have been very generous towards other less fortunate children down through the years.

Mini-7s County Finals.

On Wednesday 4th and Friday 6th of October the girls and boys teams played their mini-7s blitzes in Cappatagle and Portumna respectively.

While we have a lot of boys on the way up, we have a small selection in the senior classes.

Nonetheless Enda, Ethan, Patryk, John, Damien, Seán Óg, Luke, Lennon, Evan and Lee played really well and almost stopped Duinry reaching their final.

The girls have a strong team this year. Captained by Kayla Earner, they easily won their side of the group in Cappatagle and after some nerves in the first half, beat Portumna comfortably in the final. The team travel to Loughgeorge this Friday 20th Oct to play the county finals. All winners of the 13 blitzes played in the county will play off for the county title. This is the toughest competition in primary school as every school competes, big and small.

We have to be in Loughgeorge for 10am and are in group C with New Inn and Clarinbridge. Matches are 10 mins per half and we play New Inn first and then Clarinbridge.

It is a great occasion for the girls and we wish them the best of luck and enjoyment on the day. Special thanks to Joan Poland who has coached them to this and also Kevin Connolly who has given extra training sessions with Joan.

Waste-free Wednesdays!

This week is Climate Action week and our Green School Committee decided that their day of action would be focused on lunches. Not only that, they felt a once off was not enough, they want to have it every Wednesday.

On Waste-Free Wednesdays, we all make a conscious effort to use our lovely lunch boxes and refillable bottles and not use single use plastics. Clingfilm, tinfoil and other disposable wrappers are not needed when children have airtight lunchboxes. The green school committee want to encourage pupils to use refillable bottles and avoid single use bottles and cartons.

Travel Thursday & Cycling Course

Over the next 6 weeks you will see 4th, 5th and 6th class on their bikes completing their bike safety course. It was explained to me as a driving license for bikes. As so many pupils will already be cycling to school, Thursdays are now "Travel Thursdays". We are asking everyone to make a conscious effort to travel green: walk, cycle, scoot, car share, drop 'n' hop or bus.

Super Troopers

Today we will send home a Super Troopers pack with every pupil. When we return to school after Halloween, pupils will follow the activity journal and complete a short active activity as part of their homework. We will investigate the journals in school in the lead up to the break and try some of the activities. We hope that each family enjoys the activities and it encourages the children to eat more healthily, get more sleep, exercise and talk about their feelings.

School Activities

- PE / Tracksuit days
Infants & 1st : Thursdays
2nd – 4th : Friday
5th/6th: Monday
- Hurling & Camogie
Tues lunch: Infants & 1st
Tues 3-4pm: 2nd-6th
Thurs lunch: 2nd -6th