

St. Brigid's N.S. Newsletter

June 2022

As we approach the end of another school year, we reflect on a very challenging 2 years for students, parents and staff. We are extremely grateful for your co-operation since the start of the pandemic and we are delighted that many of our school activities are again taking place.

- Huge congratulation to our **boys and girls Cumann na mBunscol** football teams who won their finals in Breffni Park on June 8th. Wonderful achievement – you have done your school proud! Aaron Fay and Abby Reilly were also awarded Players of the Match. Many thanks to Mr McPhillips for his excellent coaching work. He was ably assisted by Alan, Kieran and Graham.
- **Tennis training** continues to be very popular and has been ongoing since the beginning of May. Congratulations to Aaron Fay who won the 6th class singles tournament.
- **GAA training** is ongoing every Monday with Graham, while County Board coach Annette has been here each week since Easter.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their *First Holy Communion* on May 7th and their *Confirmation* on May 20th.
- **School tours** are currently taking place. The children appear to be really enjoying their time out together.

- Community Garda Lisa visited our school on 4th April and discussed various relevant topics with each class.

We took part in **Super Valu “Save the Bees”** initiative in April/May and from this sprung the idea of developing a garden with flower/vegetable plot at the rear of the school. We are delighted to say that our idea has come to fruition and a brilliant space now exists. In this regard, we wish to thank a number of people for their hard work and sponsorship, in particular, Geraldine and Aiden Fay, Andy Lynch, Noel Smith, SNS Hardware and McCabes General Merchants. The children have been planting flowers and vegetables over the last month or so with great enthusiasm.

Induction meeting for parents of children starting in Junior Infants in September next will be held on Thursday 16th June at 3 o’clock and the new students will take part in a “Meet and Greet” session on Friday 17th June from 1 to 2 pm. “Moving on Day” will also take place for the rest of the school on this day.

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome all **new pupils** to St. Brigid’s N.S. for the next school year.

The school photographer is booked for the next year – 7th September 2022.

We are very grateful to all those parents who use the **Clothing Bank** which contributes greatly to school funds. A total of €1142 has been raised in this school year to date. If the container appears full during the

summer holidays, please ring Cash for Clobber at 048 94478880 (Billy) and ask to have it emptied.

Thank you sincerely for now using the **direct payment system** which is a much more efficient and safe method for us all.

Parents are invited to browse our **SCHOOL WEBSITE** at tunnyduff.weebly.com to view photographs of recent events and keep up to date on policies, school activities, classroom work etc.

Thanks for supporting our *Easter Draw* which resulted in €1320 profit. These funds will be used towards painting of the school. Also friendship bracelets were sold during *Friendship Week* 4th – 8th April and raised €176 for Amnesty International.

We very much appreciate the help from parents with **Book Covering** for our Book Rental Scheme over the last few weeks, thank you sincerely.

We close for the summer holidays at **12 o'clock on Friday 24th June** (bus will run at that time) and re-open on **Wednesday 31st August**. Children are required to have full uniform and all books from their book lists for the first day back.

Please note that we are obliged to notify TUSLA (Child and Family Agency) if a child is absent from school for 20 days or more in the school year. Please remember to send in a note when your child returns to school after a period of absence.

An End of Year Mass/6th Class Graduation ceremony will be celebrated on Friday 17th June in Tunnyduff Church at 10 am. Parents and local community are invited to attend.

Active Week/Sports Day is taking place during the week 20th to 23rd June. Children will engage in various activities, which have been organised by 5th and 6th class under the direction of Mr McPhillips.

The Parents Association held a “**Strollathon**” on Sunday last. Your support was appreciated.

We are delighted to congratulate Aaron Fay in being chosen to play in **Croke Park** on **All Ireland Semi-Final** day on 10th July in the GAA INTO Mini Sevens games. It is a wonderful honour for Aaron and his family and we wish them a very enjoyable day.

We are constantly reminding our students about the importance of road safety, water safety and farm safety, so please do take care during the summer holidays

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday



Best wishes to our 6th class pupils who are embarking on the new challenge of Secondary School after the summer holidays.

