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Newsletter April May 2016

Dear Parents,

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all the pupils in 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 28th of May. The children were a credit to their parents and teacher in the way they were turned out and in how they participated in the ceremony. I would also like to thank the school choir.

Sincere thanks to Ms Lahart and Ms Harrison for all their hard work in preparing the pupils for First Holy Communion. Thank you to all the team for making the ceremony so meaningful for the pupils and their families. Thank you to Hilary for booklets and other preparation for the day.

First Communion day is a very special day and one that all of the pupils will remember. Thank you to Fr. David Cribbin for officiating at this lovely ceremony.

I would also like to thank the Parents Association and the parents of the 1st & 3rd classes who hosted a party for the relatives and children of First Holy Communion. Everybody was made feel most welcome and a great time was had by all. There was a wonderful atmosphere present on the day.

The school community appreciates all of the hard work that was carried out in the preparation of refreshments and reception area and the huge workload involved catering for so many people. The layout of the tables was a fantastic sight and once again this enhanced the welcome and warmth received by all.

The goodwill shown on the day is a massive asset to our community. Sincere thanks to all.

Choir: The School Choir is made up of children from 3rd to 6th classes. They have performed at a number of events throughout the year including the Christmas Carol Service and the Confirmation Ceremony as well as during various 1916 Centenary Celebrations in the school. Their most recent outing was on May 28th when the children of 2nd classes made their First Holy Communion. The choir outshone themselves on the day and were ably accompanied by the school orchestra who performed Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy' and the ever popular 'Inisheer' among their

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performances. Caoimhe Keely and Eoin Crosse were soloists on the day and the choice of hymns for the communion ceremony was praised by all. Our thanks to the parents association for the 'Goodie Bags' given to all the choir members at the end of the ceremony.

EWB: The school is obliged to report the names of all children who are absent for over 20 days to the Education Welfare Board (E.W.B.). Parents/Guardians need not become unduly worried in circumstances where these absences can be satisfactory explained due to illness, bereavement or family circumstances.

Please ensure that all absences are explained to the class teacher. Please do not call the school if your child is not going to be in school. A note on return to school will suffice.

Kinvara Community Games: Well done to all the athletes who competed in the county finals in Ballinderreen last weekend.

School Uniform: With the recent spell of good weather pupils remove their uniform tops: please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked in the space provided. This eliminates confusion and helps to prevent loss of same.

School Closure: The school will close on Friday 24th of June for the summer holiday at 12 noon.



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Twitter : follow us on twitter @kinvarans to get an inside look at what goes on during the day in school. You will see artwork, science experiments, sports, mystery skype calls and lots of other interesting happenings from around the school. Our ASD unit Seoda also tweets on @seodakinvara. For those who wish to read more about twitter please [click here](#) and go to our Online Safety Information section.

Voluntary Contribution: The Board of Management would like to express its sincere thanks to all families who have contributed to this collection. If you have

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books to return please do so before the summer holiday.

Parent Information Evening: This will take place at the school on Wednesday 15th of June at 7.30pm for parents of new infants in September 2015.

Also the new **Junior Infants** are invited to the school on of June 23rd from 9.30am-11.30am to meet their teacher's and settle into school life.

Camogie: Cumann na mBunscol Camogie 13-a-side competition

On a wet and windy Friday 20th of May our camogie team set off for Athenry for the 13-a-side competition. We were faced with a very strong group; Monivea, Ballindereen and ourselves. In group 2 were Scoil Croí Naofa Athenry, Scoil Mhuire Oranmore and Lisheenkyle.

Our team for the day included Cara Mongan, Alisha, Caoimhe, Sadhbh Connolly, Bethany, Aoife, Eabha, Leah, Shona, Sadhbh Hanley, Grainne, Kate Stephens, Róisín, Fiona, Sophia, Kate Kidd, Róisín Geaney and Katie.

The girls fought hard against Monivea in their first game with some great scores from the forwards. However Monivea proved the stronger team in the 2nd half. Our next game was another close battle against our neighbours Ballindeereen. Great performances from all the team in this game, especially Shona Mullarkey and Cara Mongan. A big thank you to Michael Helebert for all the training during the year.

School Hurling 2016:

Our school hurling teams have been busy of late with matches coming thick and fast in various competitions.

Garda 7's (Gort): On Friday 27th of May our sevens team participated in a very competitive Garda 7's tournament in Gort. In our first game we played confidently and defeated Ballyturn with a solid all round performance. Next up were played, Lough Cultra and had a victory there .

We then played Killeeneen and Kiltartan and with great performances in both these matches it placed us in a final with Labane. The team played very well in the final

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and gave it their all until the final whistle and we were crowned champions. Well done to all the lads who played so well and it must be complimented that all the team were very well behaved on the day and represented the school very well. Thank you also to the parents to provided lifts to the game and who supported the team on the day.

Cumann na mBunscol Football Final 11-a-side competition: Congratulations to our school team who won the county final last week in Lough George. Full report on match in June newsletter to follow.

6th Class Graduation Mass: 6th class will finish their Primary Education on Wednesday June 22nd. There will be mass in St. Joseph's Church at 11am and a graduation ceremony at the school afterwards.

School Reports: Could pupils please bring in a stamped addressed envelope to their class teacher as soon as possible.

Summer Camps: Cúl Camps: Hurling Camp takes place from Mon 4 July to Fri 8th July.

Football Camp takes place from: 18th July -22nd July.

COST:

€55 for 1st. child; €45 for 2nd child; €40 for 3rd and subsequent children.

For children attending a second camp, without gear, the cost is €35 (basically, both camps costs only €90 for the first child, including one set of gear). These camps take place at the Kinvara GAA pitch.

Lets go summer camp:-July 11th- July 15th & July 18th –July 22nd at St. Joseph's N.S www.letsgo.ie for more information.

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Power Soccer: Summer camp Monday 25th July-Friday 29th of July- See www.powersoccer.ie for more information.

Gymnastics: Summer Camp: July 4th -8th in Kinvara Community Centre. Contact Kasia on 087 6877562.

Clothes collection: this takes place on Wednesday 15th of June, please only leave bags on this day on or before 9.30am.

County Photos: Please note that if you wish to purchase the school pictures please return to the school on Thursday 16th of June as after that date there is an extra charge.

Birthday invitations: Please note the school will not give out invitations –please do so outside of school.

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*Dominic Gallagher
(Principal)*