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Newsletter Summer 2017

Dear Parents,

Sixth Class Graduation Ceremony

Sincere thanks to the Parents Association for hosting parents and pupils in the school hall. This was truly a memorable day for parents, pupils and staff. I would like to wish all of the sixth class pupils the very best as they leave our school. It was our pleasure to have them in our school.

I would like to thank Fr. Tony Horgan for officiating at a lovely mass. Thanks also to Miss O Keeffe and to Miss McGrath for music in church. Sincere thanks also to Mr. Nolan for his inspiring words delivered to the pupils.

Many thanks to the families whose children have now left the primary school, the Brennan, Cahill, Crosse, Kilkelly, Lascar, MacMillan, Mongan and Whelan families.

Special Award- During the ceremony a special award was presented to Ethan Sexton. This award was for outstanding attendance in Saint Joseph's. Ethan has had full attendance for eight years in our school. Heartiest congratulations Ethan! Well done!

School Tours: were all reported as being very enjoyable. I would like to thank the Parents Association for subsidising the bus to Croke Park which alleviated the cost of the tour. Sixth class also payed their annual visit to Dáil Éireann. I would like to thank Ciarán Cannon for facilitating the visit.

I would like to thank Brian Connolly and Bus Eireann for providing us with bus transport to all our venues. Their drivers extremely professional and most of all patient.

Sports: I would like to thank all of the teachers who helped out with sports throughout the school year. To finish the year off we hosted local competitions amongst the three schools in Kinvara.

Thanks to Ms McGrath and Ms Lahart for organising Camoige Blitz.

Thanks to Mr. Nolan, Ms Killillea and Ms Coen for Girls football Blitz

Thanks to Mr Nolan for organising Hurling blitz. I would like to thank Northampton and Dooras for attending all of the above.

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Sports Day:

This year we had a fantastic Sports Day which was most enjoyable. There were ten different teams who participated in ten different sports stations. Sincere thanks to all of the teachers for setting up stations of huge variety of which the pupils enjoyed thoroughly.

Thanks to Ms Lahart, Ms Kelly and Mr. Nolan for co-coordinating plan.

All of the pupils participating received a special treat on the day.

Thanks to Hilary for organising.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all the pupils in 2nd class who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th 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 Mrs Murphy and Ms Coen 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 Bernie McCormack for 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. Tony Horgan for officiating at this lovely ceremony.

Thank s also to Bernie McCormack for all her hep with the First Holy Communion.

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.

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

Choir: I would like to thank all of the pupils who sang in the choir for the mass of the First Holy Communion. They sang beautifully and greatly enhanced the atmosphere. I would like to thanks Ms McGrath and Mrs Murphy who accompanied the choir.

The school choir always makes the day that extra bit special.

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.

Full Attendance this school year: Well done to the following pupils who have not missed a day of school this year: Lucy Higgins, Michael Huban, Rónán O'Sullivan, Gavin Keane, Diane Murrihy,,Hazel Kelly,Brayden Morris, Aisling O'Connor, Eoin O'Shaughnessy, Jamie Kavanagh, Diego O'Connell Fernandes,,Tadhg Fallon, Allysha McDonagh, Séamus Daly, Emmett Hawkins, Jack O'Shaughnessy, Ríona Kilkelly, Matthew Sexton, Aaron O'Donnell, Hannah Kelly, Jake MacMahon, Aaron Flatley, Darragh Kavanagh, Hugh O'Shaughnessy, Eabha Doody, Lucy Franklin, Siobhán O'Connor, Lauren Doody, Ethan Sexton, Shona Mullarkey,and Leah Burke.

Well done all!!

Kinvara Community Games:

Congratulations to all the competitors who travelled Mountbellow on Saturday 27th of May for art, handwriting and model making county events. Naoise Flatley won a bronze county medal in the Handwriting.

County Athletics were held Sunday 4th of June in Ballindeeren, great success here also: U12 relay team of Ellen Bermingham, Grace Bermingham, Siobhán Geaney, Leah Hanley , Zoe Rogers and Sineád Mongan(Northampton School)
U13 mixed relay team of Muireann Frawley, Róisín Geaney, Ethan Sexton, Oisín Cahill and Cathal Mongan (Northampton school) who all won silver county medal.

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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 books to return please do so before the summer holiday.

Summer Camps: Cúl Camps: Hurling Camp takes place from Mon 3rd July to Fri 7th July.

Football Camp takes place from: 24th July -28th 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.

Cúl Camps: Please note important notice from Kinvara GAA about the cúl camps this year:

Cúl camps **have to be booked** on line this year-no registration at Kinvara Club House. The gear for the camp will come directly from Croke Park.

See www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie for all details.

Lets go summer camp:-July 10th- July 14th & August 8th –12th at St. Joseph's N.S www.letsgo.ie for more information.

Power Soccer: Summer camp Monday 31st July-Friday 4th of August.

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See www.powersoccer.ie for more information.

Welcome to: Grace and Erin Coy who joined our school recently.

As the 2016-17 academic year comes to a close I would like to thank all of the teachers for all the incredible work, dedication and commitment they have exhibited throughout the year.

I would also like to thank the Board of Management for all their hard work and tireless championing of our school whilst ensuring our pupils have an outstanding school environment.

I would also like to thank all the staff – both teaching and support staff – who make this school the terrific school it is and a wonderful place of work and learning.

Sincere thanks to Hilary for all of her hard work and dedication throughout the year who always makes herself available to help all.

Also to Rob our caretaker who takes immense pride in keeping our school facilities so well.

I would like to thank you, the parents, for all of your continued support throughout the year. I hope you all have a great summer and am looking forward to working with you all next year. As you are aware we have altered our class allocations for the year ahead. I am very confident that our very high standards of education will be maintained and that all pupils will prosper.

Congratulations to our students who so deserve to succeed.

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