**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

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**20th April 2021**

Dear Parents,

**Concern Debate**

Good luck to our debating team who are competing in round two of the Concern Primary Debating Competition at 10am on Wednesday 21st April. The motion is 'Irish People do not care about the Developing World' and we are opposing the motion. The debate is against Barryroe National School and it will take place on zoom. If any parents of the 5th & 6th class would like to watch the debate, please send us an e-mail. The debate is being hosted by Barryroe National School so we need to give them a list of names of people to admit to the zoom meeting. Parents will be asked to keep their cameras off and the sound muted if they are watching on zoom.

**Staff Meeting**

There will be a staff meeting on Wednesday 5th May. The school will close at 12:30p.m. on that date. We hope to have received an update on restrictions for the remainder of the school year at that point.

**Mural Update**

Thank you to all the families who have volunteered to help us to permanently screw the bottle tops in place. The screws have been ordered and we will contact you when they arrive to arrange a time to attach them.

**Enniskeane & Districts Community Games**

Aldi Community Games have organised 7 virtual events for boys and girls under 16 years. These are:

Art

Handwriting

Modelmaking

Recitation

Solo Dance (Modern)

Solo Music

Solo Singing

Parents can easily submit their children's entries directly via the Cork webpage on [www.mycomunitygames.com](http://www.mycomunitygames.com/) before May 5th 2021.

Rules and age groups can also be viewed on [www.mycommunitygames.com](http://www.mycommunitygames.com/) or contact Marie Collins on [086-8417647](tel:086-8417647) for more information.

It would be great to have a number of entries from the area taking part.

**Blue Star Programme**

Both classrooms are participating in the Blue Star Programme. This is a project about the European Union. The pupils are completing quizzes on the history of the European Union, the geography of the European Union, a cultural and creative quiz on the European Union and an Institutional Quiz on the European Union. They will receive a Blue Star Flag at the end of the programme if they successfully complete the work.

**Covid-19 symptoms**

This is a reminder of the current guidelines of when to keep your child at home from school:

Do not send your child to school if:

* they have a temperature of 38 degrees celsius or more.
* any other common symptoms of COVID-19 - a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has recently become worse.
* been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
* been living with someone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
* other uncommon symptoms of COVID-19, such as sore throat or headaches
* Diarrhoea
* returned from another country in the last 14 days