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 **22nd March 2022**

Dear Parents,

**The Irish Times**

There is an article about our school in today's Irish Times and a photograph of the mural. The article is about Changemaker Schools. Please click [here](https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/meet-some-of-ireland-s-most-innovative-schools-1.4827619) to read the article.

**Swimming Lessons**

Concern was expressed by parents at our recent PTA meeting about the lack of swimming lessons in the area. Most of the pupils haven't had swimming lessons since 2019 and Dunmanway swimming pool are unable to tell us about when they will recommence lessons. We have organised six weeks of swimming lessons in 'The Water School' in Kealkill. These lessons will be for all classes and they will take place on Tuesdays, commencing immediately after Easter. The cost of the lessons will be €40 per pupil. Please send the money into the school before the Easter holidays. The cost of the bus is usually covered by your Additional Activities Payment. This year the cost of the bus is higher as we are travelling further and transport costs have increased. €30 will be taken out of your Additional Activities Payment as usual and we hope that the PTA will subsidise the additional costs for this year only. We hope to be able to return to Dunmanway Swimming Pool next year.

**Gaelic football coaching**

Tadg Sheehan will visit our school to coach gaelic football for a number of weeks. He will begin on Thursday 31st March. Each classroom will be coached separately. The cost of the coaching will be free.