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**Ballineen,**

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 **11th June 2022**

**Dear Parents,**

**Ukulele le Chéile Video**

The video of our creative cluster school tour to Inchydoney Beach has now been uploaded to the homepage of our school website. Thank you to Rev. Kingsley Sutton who filmed and edited it for the three schools. The pupils watched it together in school on Thursday and thoroughly enjoyed reliving their day.

**Kindness Homework**

We are focusing on being kind in school this month. For homework this week, each child has to do something kind for somebody else everyday. It can be for a family member, a friend, a neighbour or a stranger. They will be asked to orally describe their kind act in school the next day.

**Invitation**

Margaret O'Donovan, the chairperson of Ballinned and Enniskeane Tidy Towns Association has asked us to extend the following invitation to you:

*'On behalf of Ballineen and Enniskeane Tidy Towns Association, it gives me great pleasure to cordially invite you and family and the staff and students' families of Ballymoney National School to the launch of the Sculpture and Seating Plaza, An Garraí, by The Mayor of the County of Cork, Councillor Gillian Coughlan, at the Post Office Corner in Enniskeane Village at 3.30pm on Sunday 12th June.  Light refreshments will be served afterwards in Gort Mhuire Hall.'*

**Half Day**

There will be a half day on Wednesday 15th June for inservice training in the New Primary Language Curriculum. School will close for all pupils at 12pm.

**Discovery Primary Science Plaque of STEM**

On Friday 17th June, the pupils will watch an online presentation of the awards ceremony for their Plaque of STEM (Science, engineering, technology and maths). There will also be a science show for them to view.

**Sports Day**

Sports Day will take place at 11:45a.m. at St. Mary's GAA pitch on Friday 17th June. Parents are invited to attend and encourage the pupils. This is the first time in three years that we have been permitted to invite parents to attend so the children will be very excited to have you there. Please bring along a chair or blanket to sit on. There will be refreshments afterwards. Each family is asked to bring along some food to share. The children will bring their school bags with them and they may go home directly from St. Mary's after the medals have been handed out. The emphasis is on participation and everyone will get a medal. The children will need to bring a drink with them and they should have suncream on.

**River Bio-diversity Workshop**

The Tidy Towns Committee applied for a grant and are funding a four hour river bio-diversity workshop for the senior pupils on Thursday 16th June. This workshop will be run by Streamscapes. The pupils will need wellies, spare socks and the pupils should wear shorts as they will be standing in the shallow part of the river and it is likely that their tracksuit bottoms would get wet. There will also be a free community workshop for adults on the evening of Wednesday 15th June.

**Back to School Allowance**

The Back to School Allowance will be automatically paid to the majority of families by the Department of Social Protection. Those that qualify for the payments should receive a letter of confirmation that they will get the allowance by 20 June 2022. If you have not received this letter by the date set out, you will need to apply to make sure you eligible for the payments. You can apply online using the MyWelfare portal from 20 June or you can contact the Department of Social Protectionat 0818 111113 or by email using bscfa@welfare.ie.

**Summer Camp in Clonakilty**

Carolyn Buttimer, our Ukulele le Chéile co-ordinator, is organising a summer camp in Clonakilty and has asked us to inform you about it. Please contact the school if you would like forms for it.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Theme: Watt-a-Lott Castle

Age: 5-12

Dates: 18th - 22nd July

Time: 10:30-1:00

Where: Parochial Hall

Activities: bible , songs, silly games, drama, puppets, fun activities, castle building, sports, art and craft, juice and biscuits.