

Milford National School May Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Communion: Second class had their big day last Saturday. The weather was miraculously beautiful and the ceremony was wonderful. Many thanks to Ms. Emma Dolphin, Ms. Noelle Hogan and Ms. Ann Barrett for the enormous work which made it so special for all involved. Thanks is due also to the members of the school band who gave up their Saturday morning to celebrate with the children on their special day.

School Choir: Congratulations to our school choir who finished in first place in the the recent Community Games Choir Competition. Many thanks to our choir leaders, Ms. Angela Reidy, Ms. Orla Murray and Ms. Linda O'Meara, for devoting so much of their time to this really worthwhile extracurricular activity.

School Debate Team: Congratulations to the school debating team who have reached the semi-finals in the School's Debating Competition. It is our first year participating in this event. The children have developed their research and presentation under the direction of their debate team leaders. A big thank you to Ms. Elaine Rael, Ms. Sandra Larkin and Ms. Linda O'Meara for all their work with the pupils. We wish them the very best of luck in their semi-final versus Pallaskenry N.S.

Camogie/Hurling: It has been a remarkable year so far for our school camogie and hurling teams. All of our competitive teams have qualified to play on City Final's Day. The U13 Girls (10:50 am) and U13 Boys (11:45 am) both play their respective finals this Friday in the Gaelic Grounds. The U11 Boys will play their final next Thursday at 1pm in Rathbane. Many thanks to Mr. John Nelligan, Ms. Yvonne Newman, Ms. Gemma Ryan, Mr. Brian Kelly and Ms. Fenton for devoting so much of their free time to coach their respective teams. Best of luck to everyone involved.

Green Flag: The school received the wonderful news last week that our application for the International Green Flag award has been successful. This is a fantastic achievement and could not have happened without the full participation of pupils and staff. A special word of thanks must go to the school's green school committee and their co-ordinator, Mr. Denis O'Connor.

Summer Uniform: The children have been given permission to wear their summer uniform to school. This consists of plain navy shorts or school games shorts (no denim), the school PE t-shirt and track suit top. Children should only wear this uniform when the weather is forecast to be warm.

Teacher Inservice Day: The June Bank Holiday Weekend has been extended by one day. The school will be closed to pupils on Tuesday, 7th June. Teachers are scheduled to attend a school based inservice course on this day following from the launch of the New Primary Language Curriculum.

School Closures 2016/17: Please find attached a copy of the school closures 2016/17. We are publishing our holidays dates earlier this year to give parents an opportunity to book holidays, time off, etc. at an advanced stage. Please note that there will be a further Primary Language Curriculum inservice date announced in 2016/17. If at all possible, please refrain from taking your child on holidays during school time.

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Diarmaid Moore

Principal

Dates to Note:

30th May	Junior Infant Enrolment night (7pm)
7th June	School Closed - Teacher Inservice
10th June	Lenrec Recycling Collection (9am)
29th June	Second-hand school book sale
30th June	Summer Closing (12 Noon)