

# Presentation P.S. Info Update April' 2018



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## Epayouts, Komeer & Books

Parents have already received an epayment for school tours. The reason it was sent out so early was to give more flexibility to pay and cause less stress with a lot to pay over a short period of time.

We are starting to use Komeer to text parents information updates. We would be grateful if you have not downloaded the app yet to please do so. This app is free for the school to use and by September we hope to use Komeer for everything rather than sending costly texts.

We will be running our book scheme again this Summer as it went really well last year. We will send our more information about the scheme in the next few weeks.



**This Friday we are looking forward to our 6<sup>th</sup> class girls making their Confirmation at 2.00pm. Bishop Nulty will celebrate the mass. Our girls making the Confirmation are going to Portlaoise today for mass at 11am as the icon for World Meeting of Families is visiting their parish.**

**School will close at 12pm this Friday to facilitate families with a daughter making the Confirmation, for our school choir and staff to attend. We thank you in advance for your co-operation will this shortened day.**

## Child Protection – Two School Half Days

Following the December publication of the new 'Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools' we have reviewed our own school procedures. The Board and school staff analysed the risks to child safety that may exist in our school. The new policy is available on the school website at the link below. This week each family should have received an info letter that outlines the changes that can maximise the safety of each and every child in our school. <http://presprimary.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Child-Safeguarding-Statement-Website.pdf>



We really appreciate the huge support with our upcoming FUN RUN! The run is taking place next Wednesday during Active Week. Every child will be given medal for participating. We are asking the children to bring the sponsorship card they were given whether money was collected or not. We can't wait for our Active Week fun and highlighting fitness and physical activity.

# OPEN DAY

We are looking forward to our new infants and their parents coming in to see their new school. On Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup> we have invited in all 145 new starters to see their classrooms and the parents will be invited into our hall to receive some information and ask any questions that they may have. We look forward to meeting everyone ☺

## Handwriting Award 2018



We are very proud of the effort this year of all our pupils. The effort put into the pieces of writing was fantastic from junior infants all the way to 6<sup>th</sup>. Some pupils won awards for best handwriter in a class and the most improved. The overall winner was Kerri from 3<sup>rd</sup> class, maith thú!

## School Sports

As always our school is extremely busy on the sports front. One of our soccer teams were crowned Laois Champions and were narrowly defeated in Leinster. Both our camogie teams are playing excellently with one team already qualified for the finals in O'Moore Park!

Tag rugby is over for another year but it has been extremely beneficial and the school even had a write up in the match day for Leinster Rugby v Saracens recently.

Basketball has started back with training for girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our track and field athletics event is taking place on June 12<sup>th</sup> and we hope again to have a successful day at the event.



## School Activities

Since our last newsletter we have two great events to highlight our two school languages. Mrs. Flanagan organised Seachtain na Gaeilge and Ms. Meehan organised our Literacy week. Both events were extremely beneficial and the children really enjoyed them. Thank you for all the support for the Book fair which raised great funds for purchasing novels which are already being used! Ms. Dunne organised the school band to perform on a very cold St. Patrick's Day Parade, they performed excellently. Ms. Gorman organised a hugely enjoyable farm animal visit and Mrs. Whelan organised for Dogs Trust to come and visit the children, 'Magic' was a big hit with the children 😊



## School Awards



THE AMBER FLAG

*Promoting Positive  
Mental Health*

We were absolutely thrilled to be awarded our second Active Flag. A huge amount of work has gone into this award over the last two years by Claire O'Connell and Mairéad Terry. Last Friday Ciara Dollard and Sinéad Walsh organised our Amber Day and have achieved the Amber Award after their effort over the year.