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Dear Parents,

Well done to our boys and girls footballers who have battled their way to the semi-finals of their respective competitions. Both are playing Ballyconnell and the matches will take place next Monday (17th). A big thank you to Ms. Cullinane and Mr. Hoyne for their hard work with the players.

Congratulations to Kate Cullinane and Tessa Roche who came second and first respectively in a bookmark design competition recently for the Childrens Book Festival. Tessa travelled to Dublin to be presented with her prize. Staying on an artistic theme, the 6th class have completed their project in which they worked as artists for two days under the guidance of professional artist Terry O'Farrell. Their work is being prepared for public display and will be on exhibition in Carlow as part of the autumn Éigse Arts Festival. Many thanks to Ms. Power for her help in the organisation of the project. More details on the exhibition in due course.

Thank you also to those parents who have helped us with the painting of the school. Much work has been done and the place looks a lot fresher. The date of the Monster March has been changed to **Thursday, 27th October**. On that day, as on any occasion where there are events that clash, we will rearrange the Yoga Bugs so that the children won't miss out. The Parents Association has asked me to remind those of you who have not yet paid the €10 euro contribution for Speech and Drama, Music and Yoga to please do so immediately. If there is any money owed by you to the school please do settle as soon as you possibly can. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Our Text-a-Parent service is up and running well. There may be a few people who have changed their mobile numbers since they last filled in a school record, so if there are any teething troubles please let us know and we will sort it out.

If you have any unwanted clothes, household linen or old footwear, there will be a "Fill-the-Van" collection at the school on **this Thursday (13th)**.

There is a modest amount of money available to help parents with the cost of school books in situations where there is unemployment, difficult family circumstances etc. If any parents would like to apply for assistance under the scheme, please contact me in person. All matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Please see attached note regarding the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Mass from Josie O'Meara and committee.

A reminder that the school will be closed for pupils on **Monday, 24th October** for teachers' in-service. The Board of Management has decided that the school will close for pupils at **12 noon on Friday, 28th October** to enable the teachers to hold a staff meeting that afternoon. School reopens on Monday, 7th November. School will be closed for pupils on **Thursday, 8th December** (Church Holiday) and will close for Christmas on **Thursday, 22nd December**.

Finally, a big thank you to all who helped to make our recent coffee morning a resounding success. We exceeded our target and while covering the cost of the 6th Class art project it will also enable us to subsidise the increased cost of buses during the year. It was great to see so many of you taking part and the pupils were a tremendous credit to themselves, their families and their school. Well done to all!

Yours faithfully,

Principal