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Dear Parents,

We are honoured to be receiving a visit tomorrow from G.A.A. President Nickey Brennan. Nickey will be accompanied by some local and inter-county hurlers to promote the Féile na nGael Hurling Festival which is being held this year in Carlow and Kilkenny. We are encouraging the children to wear their tracksuit bottoms tomorrow and any Carlow or local colours or jerseys that they like. G.A.A. jerseys or colours only for this occasion please.

On a similar theme we are delighted to hold our hurling blitz in cooperation with Naomh Bríd in Ballinaboley this Thursday (16th). Classes from 2nd – 6th will be involved and all pupils will be taking part. The aim is to encourage participation and all levels of skill will be accommodated so there is no need for any pupil to feel that they won't be "good enough" – enjoyment will be the order of the day. We will bus the children to Ballinaboley and they only need to be brought to and from school as normal. We are asking for €2 per pupil to help cover the costs involved please.

Many thanks to those of you who took the time to attend our Science Display Day recently. Perhaps some of our pupils will go on to emulate John Tyndall one day! A tremendous amount of teamwork took place involving pupils and teachers and I would like to thank Mrs. Roche especially for coordinating the event. Well done to all.

Well done also to 2nd Class on making their First Communion recently. They were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. A special word of thanks to the parents involved in supporting the children over the recent months and to Ms. Moriarty and Mrs. Byrne for their excellent preparation of the children and the choir.

There are quite a number of unclaimed tracksuit tops in the school which we will shortly be sending for recycling. If you want to check whether any of them belong to your children please call to the school and check **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

Our boys basketball team was narrowly beaten in the final in Old Leighlin last week. They were leading with four minutes left, but two baskets in a minute by a determined Ballon team was enough to decide the outcome. I would like to mention in particular how well the boys conducted themselves on the day. They played really well, showed excellent teamwork and were gracious in defeat despite their great disappointment. Captain Luke Decaux should be proud of himself and his team.

Polling in the General Election will take place in the school on 24th May (there will be no school on the day). As part of their education the children learn about Ireland's troubled past and how for many years our people were denied the basic right to vote. Now that we are free to do so, why not show your children that you value that freedom? Who can say - particularly at this time when the age old conflict between Britain and Ireland is being resolved and the struggle between people on this island has been transformed from a violent to a political one - that politics doesn't matter? Despite our understandable criticisms of politicians, we should still treasure our democracy. Please vote and bring your children with you when you do; it will be a great lesson for them. They are the future of our nation and they deserve nothing less.

Please find attached letter from Parents Association. Thank you for your support as always.

Yours sincerely,

Principal