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Mission Statement

*As a Catholic school, our mission is
to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child
and encourage everyone to respect themselves and one another.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment
for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

20th March 2012

Dear Parents,

This Friday (23rd) we will be making a “money snake” in the school playground. We are asking the children to collect as many small value coins as possible which we will put together on the ground. We will measure how long our snake is and how much money we can collect. All funds raised will be put towards the visit of past pupil D.J. Hanley to Ethiopia organised by Self Help Africa. More details on the work they do at www.selfhelpafrica.org.

Congratulations to our teachers on maternity leave, Ms. Purcell who, as many of you will already know, gave birth to a baby girl and Ms. Murphy who recently gave birth to a baby boy. All are doing well.

Congratulations to our quiz team of George Connolly, Aoife Doheny, Kieran Murphy and Emma Townsend who won the Bagenalstown area Credit Union Quiz recently. They also came 4th in the next round which was an excellent performance against all the other winners from schools in the South Leinster region.

Hurling coaching with Johnny Nevin is ongoing for 4th – 6th Classes. In partnership with Leighlinbridge GFC John McNally has been doing some football coaching sessions with 1st Class and they will take part in a fun blitz in Dr. Cullen Park in Carlow in the near future.

Wes Whitten from Leinster Rugby has been coaching some of our classes on the basics of rugby over the past few weeks.

Congratulations to our expert handwriters! Keelah Clarke and Mia Doyle (Ms. Hanley’s Class) and Chloe Murphy (Ms. O’Connor’s Class) won prizes in the INTO/EBS Handwriting Competition this year. There are still many advantages to writing by hand. If you’re interested, search online for an answer to the question “Is the Pen Mightier Than the Keyboard?” and have a look at some of the results. Well done girls!

Well done to our 5th and 6th Classes who sang so well last month at the Peace Proms in Kilkenny. It was a great experience for them to sing in front of a large crowd and with an orchestra. Thanks for all the hard work go to teachers Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Roche and Mrs. O’Connor.

Thanks to Marian Nolan for taking all classes for yoga at various times during the year.

Well done to Christelle Murphy who won 1st prize in the Carlow Fairtrade Art Competition. Leighlin is a Fairtrade community and we ask you consider buying Fairtrade products where possible. For more details visit www.fairtrade.ie.

The company that had provided our recycling bin for papers has discontinued its service so we have no paper bin for the time being. Please continue to recycle as you did previously. We had a 97% participation in our Walk on Wednesday last week. Mrs. Byrne tells me this is not good enough! (You can’t say we don’t set high standards...) It looks like being fine this week so please take part. It’s a social way to start the day, you get in some exercise and save a little fuel. Thanks again to the Lord Bagenal for allowing us the use of their car park.

From time to time some parents wish to organise a thank you gift or presentation to a member of staff. While such thanks are well meant and are very welcome and appreciated, it can lead to situations where parents can feel under a bit of pressure to contribute when it may be difficult for them to do so. Gifts at Christmas or the end of year are unnecessary and while the staff love to be thanked, a simple word or a home made card is more than enough. Having said that, there will be the odd occasion where a gift may be appropriate and at such times parents should receive prior approval from myself and I will organise it in cooperation with the Parents Association. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thanks to Ms. Denieffe who prepared our 2nd Class for their First Confession last week and also Ms. O'Connor and to those volunteers from the local community who are helping 6th Class pupils to prepare for their Confirmation.

Those pupils who are taking part in chess after school are really enjoying it and learning quickly. If your child would be interested in taking up chess let me know and we will look at organising another series of lessons.

It looks like we will have quite a large number of enrolments for 2012-13. If you know of anyone who is thinking of enrolling their child but has not yet contacted the school please ask them to do so immediately so we can plan for next year. Thank you.

School will close at 12 noon on Friday, 30th March for the Easter holidays.

Yours faithfully,

Principal