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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.*

12th November 2012

Dear Parents,

Well done to all on our recent Monster March. A total in excess of €3,500 was raised which is a great effort in difficult times. We hope that our monsters enjoyed the day. Thank you all for your support.

Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held next week between 3 – 5:30 p.m. on the afternoons of Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November. We presume you will be available on either day. If you have a genuine reason why you can't make one of these times, please let your child's teacher know immediately and we will be as flexible as possible.

We have added a new link on the school website which links to some articles on parenting with all its joys, trials and tribulations. You might find something interesting there. You'll see the link on the home page called "living with your child."

To help to prevent bullying in our school, each year we hold an anti-bullying week. We learn what bullying is, that we don't allow bullying in our school, that if bullying happens we speak out, that there are things we can do if we are being bullied and that bullying can happen anywhere, not just in school. Last week a theatre company visited the school and dealt with the issue of cyberbullying through drama with 5th and 6th classes. One thing that became clear to us is that you as parents need to know where your child is "hanging out" online. Social media cannot be accessed in the school (our internet is filtered) but children are creating and using social media accounts by giving false information, often with the help of older family members. Your children might be mixing – unsupervised - with people that you don't know and this should be a significant cause for concern for any parent.

Our boys and girls football teams had a very good year, with the boys winning all their group matches and getting to the final where they played Rathoe. Although they were leading at half time it wasn't to be their day. They played really well and were a credit to themselves and the school. They were really disappointed but behaved with great dignity in defeat like all great sports people and we were very proud of them. Well done lads! I would particularly like to thank Seán Haughney for being so generous with his time and efforts in helping the boys and girls.

Congratulations also to Eva, Eoin, Molly, Ruth, Amy, Lucy and Ava who took part in the schools cross country event in Carlow before Halloween, bringing back lots of medals!

Well done to our 5th and 6th Classes who sang "Rain Falling Up", a children's oratorio written for symphony orchestra and large children's chorus in the Convention Centre, Dublin last weekend. The children had great experience in learning a more "challenging" piece of music and performing it in front of a large crowd. Thanks to Ms. Purcell, Ms. O'Connor and Ms. Roche for helping out on the day and to Ms. Byrne for leading the learning of the piece.

Many thanks to the parents of Junior Infants who attended in large numbers for a talk on learning to read and life in Junior Infants. It's really important to make the time to sit your young child on your knee and enjoy a story with them. It's also a real opportunity for grandparents to be involved too! Do also consider the gift of a book at Christmas. Many thanks to Ms. Denieffe, Ms. Byrne and Ms. Lynam for their time on the night.

Yours faithfully,

Principal