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50th Anniversary
Leighlinbridge N.S.
1964 - 2014

19th November 2014

Dear Parents,

The final total for this year's Monster March was €3,518 which was an increase on last year and a great effort from all concerned. If you didn't see any photos you can check them out at www.leighlin.net.

Our girls had a great win in the recent football final, beating Rathvilly in a nailbiting match. We took the lead early on and our magnificent defence held out for us to win a girls' Cumann na mBunscol competition for the first time. Well done to all the girls and thanks to Ms. Purcell and Seán Haughney for helping to prepare them.

In conjunction with the Parents Association we have decided not to proceed with Christmas cards designed by the pupils this year. There are mixed views on this, some loving the idea (we did not use it as a fundraiser), some thinking it should have been used as a fundraiser and some thinking the cards were expensive and there was some peer pressure to buy them. If you have a view on this for next year please talk to myself or anyone from the Parents Association committee. Thank you.

Johnny Nevin has finished his football coaching and the after school "street league" for the time being. I would like to thank Johnny for all the work he does here in the school, we really appreciate it.

The Board of Management has completed its annual review of our child protection policy and this is available on the school website.

We celebrate the 50th anniversary of our school the weekend after next. On Friday afternoon (28th) you are all welcome to drop in between 1 and 3 o'clock where you will be welcome around the school and to visit the children and teachers in their classrooms at various times. If you (or anybody you know) wish to enrol a child for next September (2015) please let them know and they might like to pay us a visit. You may ask the school for an enrolment form or download it from the website. Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday afternoon (29th) will be a bit quieter; the children won't be here and it will be a chance for any past pupils or anyone interested to come in and reminisce about times past and to be in the school for the first time in many years. There will be a tree planting ceremony, an exhibition of school-related photographs and some old roll books, talks on the history of education in Leighlin and a selection of music played by past pupil Dr. Gráinne Mulvey. Refreshments will be provided.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Denis Nulty will celebrate mass in Leighlin church. Many from the school community will be involved and the school choir and past pupils will provide the music. You are all invited – we would love to see as many pupils and their families there as possible. On this special occasion we are asking the members of the choir to wear their school uniforms. There will be a chance to chat and reminisce with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.

If you are using social media feel free to publicise the event and we look forward to seeing you in person at some stage during the celebrations.

Yours faithfully,

Principal