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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.*

24<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Parents,

Our annual Monster March will take place tomorrow morning with pupils leaving the school shortly after 9:30 a.m. and walking to the church car park. Remember that ALL cards – sold or unsold – need to be returned to the school. On behalf of the Parents Association, many thanks for your support. Importantly, please remember that if there are any clowns to be seen, they will be friendly ones.

Last week was Maths Week and the pupils were made aware of the importance of maths in our daily lives and they undertook many fun games and activities. Why not have a look at some of what went on at [leighlin.net](http://leighlin.net) ?

Recently parent Dónal Nolan visited the senior classes as part of Space Week. He told them about the work that he does which involves the design of parts for the European Space Agency rockets. The children also got their hands on some real “space hardware”!

Of course we also recently had a visit from the Carlow All-Ireland Champions (read that again), the junior camogie team. It was a great celebration and a real boost for Gaelic Games in the county. Hopefully it will be the start of something better with more to come! Well done to all concerned. It got me thinking that we fly our green flags and the national flag from time to time but we don't fly a Carlow flag. We'll fix that!

If any of you are thinking of taking part in the shoebox appeal you can drop your donations to the Parish Centre or to the school, making sure to include €4 for postage. More details at [teamhope.ie](http://teamhope.ie).

Many of you know Norman Cree teaches the children brass instruments and visits the school most weeks. He recently celebrated his birthday and we presented him with a cake! We also presented him with some music stands to help him to continue his great work.

Please remember our WoW (Walk on Wednesday) days. The weather continues to be kind so it's a good chance to make the best of it!

Many thanks to Gerard McCaffrey (club/school link) and Seán Haughney who have been helping our footballers over the past few weeks.

Photos of Norman's cake, Dónal Nolan's visit and lots more of what's been going on in the school are to be found at [leighlin.net](http://leighlin.net) .

School will be closed for Halloween break next week (31<sup>st</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November). Please note also that school will close for pupils at 12 noon on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** because the teachers are required to attend an inservice course in Carlow. This closure is approved by the Department of Education and Skills.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal