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Dear Parents / Guardians,

I hope this email finds you well as we welcome the Summer holidays. I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you parents for working together with us throughout the year. Our 6th class girls are saying goodbye to us in the coming days, they have been a pleasure to teach over the last eight years and have been superb role models to the younger classes. Ms. Kilmartin, myself and all the staff of Scoil Bhríde wish each one of them every success in their future and hope that they have many happy days ahead.

We have been very busy here these past few weeks with our **Active Schools** activities (thanks Ms. Brereton), **school tours** and **graduation** celebrations. Thank you Ms. Kilmartin for all your work in organising the graduation party for 6th, it was a lovely celebration on Friday. The 6th class are looking forward to a delivery from Eddie's today, thanks to our Board of Management. Our **Sports day** is scheduled for tomorrow, with a visit from the ice-cream van (thanks Ms. Sheppard and senior girls).

**Parents' Council** - I wish to express my sincere thanks to our Parents' Council for all their help this year. Most recently they organised our sponsored walk, funded the 6th class graduation training tops and paid for the school tour and swimming buses. They have been involved in many projects throughout the year and are always extremely helpful and supportive. We are always looking for new ideas, so if you think you could contribute and help us next school year it would be really appreciated. You can contact me here in school or any member of the committee, thanks in advance.

We welcomed our **new Junior Infants** (and parents) to school last week. The children had a lovely introductory morning with Ms. Sheppard. They are looking forward to joining us in September and we wish them well as they start school.

A very sincere word of thanks to Ms. Brereton and Ms. Sheppard for all their work throughout the year in keeping the **school website** and **twitter** page updated. A lot of time and effort goes into this work and it is very much appreciated and enjoyed by all of us.

**Initiatives for the coming academic year:**

- We will continue our work next year with the Creative Schools initiative. A very special word of thanks to Ms. Pearson for all her work in bringing this initiative to fruition in our school, it has been so enjoyable and educational for all classes.
- We are delighted that Music Generation will be back working with us next year.
- Ríomhaire Tech (computer classes) will be working with us also.

**Summer Reading:** Triona, our librarian, will speak to all classes tomorrow about Summer reading and all the activities and events taking place in Mountrath library, and the libraries in Laois, over the Summer.

**Thank you:**

\* Thank you to our Board of Management who have supported us tremendously this year.

\* Thank you to Dermot Moore (school caretaker) and Viola Grinfelde (school cleaner) for their hard work during the year, the school is so well maintained both inside and out.

\* Thank you to Mrs. Mary Hosey (school secretary) for helping to keep the show on the road.

\* Thank you to Marion and Mary (SNA's) for your dedication to the children.

\* Thank you Parents' Council and all parents for supporting us as we work together in educating your daughter.

\* Thank you to Ms. Whelan (HSCL) for all your work in helping to maintain communication links between home and school. We welcome Ms. Coleman to our school, working in the role of HSCL next year.

\* I know you join me in thanking the teaching staff of our school.

\* Once again, a very special word of thanks to our 6th class girls. It has been our pleasure to have come to know you over the years and to have shared in your school journey. You are amazing young ladies with bright futures ahead. Thank you for helping to shape the fabric of our school. Míle buíochas. Hope you have a well deserved break before you commence post-primary school.

**Summer holidays:**

**The school will close on Wednesday, 28th June at 12 noon for all classes.  
We are back open on Thursday, 31st August.**

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Summer.

Go dté sibh slán sábháilte,

M. Rohan and staff.

