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Dear Parents / Guardians,

Hope this note finds you well this morning.

**Congratulations.**

What an exciting start to this last term! Our school football team played against Clonaghadoo on Tuesday in O'Moore Park. We were absolutely delighted with our Cumann na mBunscol victory and were very proud to bring home the Shield to Scoil Bhríde. Each girl was also presented with a medal on the day. Our joint captains Mia and Cara delivered an eloquent speech from the stands. It was then time to head back to Eddie's for some much needed food and recuperation!, thanks to our Board of Management. Thanks to those of you who came out to support and cheer on the girls on Tuesday. A very special word of thanks to our school coach Ms. Sheppard and also to Ms. Whelan for their time and dedication to the team. Check out our website and twitter page for photos.

**Easter Bake Sale and Raffle.**

Our Easter Bake Sale was a great success. I am delighted to let you know that we have donated €308 of the proceeds to the Children's Health Foundation which helps sick children and their families in Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght and Connolly. We hope our Easter hamper winners Majlinda and Amelia enjoyed all the goodies.

**First Penance.**

The children in 2nd class are making their First Penance today. We are all thinking of you and praying for you as you receive this Sacrament. Thank you Ms. Pearson and Ms. Ward for helping to prepare the children in school.

I hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend as we officially welcome Summertime, we are back open on Tuesday.

Slán go fóill,

M. Rohan.

# unicef for every child

Scoil Bhríde Golf Classic,  
Stillbrook,  
Mountrath,  
Co. Laois.

**Thank you so much for your kindness to children in Ukraine,**

Dear *Mary, students & staff -*

I just wanted to drop you a note from Ukraine to say a huge thank you for your generous donation of €390.60 to help children like 15-month-old Artur. I met him and his family when I visited an air raid shelter in Lviv. This is the second time they've had to flee their home because of the violence, so the fact that people like you care about them means so much.

To a mother at her wit's end after travelling on foot with her small children in the bitter cold for three days, your gift of clean water is so precious. To a child who'll spend yet another night sleeping in an underground bunker instead of their bed at home, your gift of a blanket is so comforting. To the 140 people working for UNICEF on the ground here, your support means they can keep delivering blankets, water and first-aid to children and families in desperate need.

Thanks to the amazing help of people like you in Ireland and across the world, UNICEF has already delivered several tons of hygiene products, including diapers, disinfectant, and wipes to a temporary refugee centre at the Palanca crossing point on Ukraine's border with Moldova. And, as I write, we're opening child-friendly spaces, known as 'blue dots', along the refugee escape routes. These hubs provide refuge and help to families and give us a chance to identify children separated from loved ones so we can ensure their protection.

With your help, we won't stop until every child is reached. Thank you again.

*James*

**James Elder**  
**UNICEF Spokesperson, Ukraine**

This is me and Artur. His smile and giggles give a rare moment of respite in what is a terrible situation for so many families right now.



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