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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this note finds you well as we welcome Springtime.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Last week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year was “Living in Harmony with God’s Creation”. Our school has successfully completed the Green School’s Programme and so as a Catholic school we are called to be stewards of the environment and we have a collective responsibility to protect it for future generations.

We went to Mass last Thursday in honour of St. Brigid and we were delighted to be asked to make St. Brigid’s Crosses for our Parish, thanks to 5th and 6th class girls for making them. On Friday all classes came together in the hall to make St. Brigid’s Crosses, you can check out our website for photographs.

GRANDPARENT’S MASS

As part of the celebration of being a Catholic school we are inviting grandparents and all family members to join us in Mountrath Church for 10 a.m. Mass on **Friday 14th February**. We will be praying especially for our grandparents and family members who are in Heaven. You are invited to St. Fintan’s Hall afterwards for tea, treats and a chat.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

On **Friday, 14th February** (day of Grandparent’s Mass) the school will close at **12 noon**. This half-day closure is to facilitate staff training on the Primary Language Curriculum.

SPORTS IN SCOIL BHRÍDE

We are currently enjoying gymnastics classes every Friday in the old Brigidine Convent with our trainer Ruth. This is part of the Active School’s Programme.

Camogie training has started in school, training is every Thursday from 3-4 p.m., thanks to Mrs. Collier and Ms. Sheppard.

SACRAMENTS

Children in 2nd, 5th/6th classes are preparing for the Sacraments in school. Our First Penance takes place on **24th March**, First Holy Communion on **24th May** and Confirmation on **14th March**. This is a very special time in the lives of these children. Last week our Confirmation girls went on their retreat to Mount St. Anne's in Killenard. The Confirmation programme "You Shall be My Witness" started last Thursday evening and continues for the next number of weeks. A very sincere thank-you to those parents who have volunteered as leaders for this programme.

PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS

Our parent/teacher meetings will be held in school the week of **10th February**. Your class teacher will be in contact with you shortly to arrange a suitable day and time that is convenient for you. Your attendance at this meeting is very important. If you need to re-schedule your appointed time please inform your class teacher so that an alternative arrangement can be made. We look forward to seeing you soon.

COUNTY PHOTOS

The photographers will be in school on **13th February at 11 a.m.**, to take photos of Junior Infants and 6th Class.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020/2021

During the week of **17th February** we will be taking enrolments for the coming academic year. On **Monday, 17th February** any parent who wishes to enrol her daughter is invited to the school at **2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.** for an introductory session. You are welcome to bring your daughter on that day also if it suits you. Enrolment packs can be collected from Ms. Sheppard in school at any stage during the year.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

_____ (Principal)

M. Rohan.

