

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Parents' Association AGM**

The Parents' Association AGM takes place tonight (Wednesday) at 7.30pm in the school. A vibrant Parents' Association helps to build a strong school partnership between home and school and plays an important part in creating an effective school. We would, therefore, love to see a member of each family present tonight for the AGM. I have been invited to attend the meeting and I will go through as many aspects that impact the educational and social development of the children and answer any questions that may arise from parents/guardians from 7.30pm-8pm. We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

### **Swimming**

The third swimming session took place today (Wednesday).

### **Boys' Gaelic Football**

Our Boys' Gaelic Football Team play their fourth match in Bellewstown this Friday at 12.45pm – leaving the school at 12.10pm. Please arrange a lift for your child if you can't attend yourself.

### **Biodiversity**

The pupils in 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class will have a presentation on Biodiversity this Friday. This presentation will be given by Matthew a former pupil, and we thank him for giving his time to do this presentation.

### **Mindfulness**

The fourth Mindfulness session for the children in 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class takes place this Friday.

### **Trip to Newgrange**

The pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class were due to go to Newgrange next week but due to unforeseen circumstances this has been cancelled and we are hoping to organise the visit for November or December. We will give details as soon as we get them.

### **Student Council**

For the month of October our Students' Council members are Tiernan, Orla, James O'Rourke and Rían. I would like to thank Niall, Elliott, Eilín and Peter for their great work as Student Council members during September.

### **'Re-Turn' Scheme**

Each week a pupil will return the bottles as part of the 'Re-Turn' scheme. We will start with 6<sup>th</sup> class and work our way down to 3<sup>rd</sup> class over the course of the year. Thanks to the families, so far this year, that has returned bottles.

### **Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment Policy**

All parents/guardians were emailed the draft of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment policy. Your feedback is valued so please email the school with any feedback you may have. There is a Board of Management meeting Thursday at which this policy will be ratified.

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Seamus Tansley