



## Family Note 2 (16<sup>th</sup> September 2024)

Dear parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Below are some points of information for your reference:

- 1. Support Teaching:** Our Support Teaching timetable has commenced after much planning and organisation. Support teaching in schools can take on many different forms whereby pupils' needs are supported through a variety of approaches and methodologies e.g. Team Teaching, group work and one to one teaching. Throughout the school year, all pupils may be involved in such approaches thus promoting inclusion and integration of all pupils and their diverse needs in our school. Our support team this term consist of: Ms L O Sullivan, Ms A Cronin, Ms K Parker & Mr O Daly. Our special class teacher is Ms M Cronin.
- 2. GAA Skills:** Mr. Cooper will return on Mondays to work with all pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. This will continue every second Monday for the school year as part of our PE policy. We look forward to seeing our school team line out as part of Cumann na mBunscol competition in the coming weeks!
- 3. Irish Sign Language:** We look forward to welcoming John Patrick Doherty back on 19<sup>th</sup> September to work with the pupils. This is part of the 'Say Yes to Languages' programme and runs in conjunction with our Class for Pupils who are Deaf/ Hard of Hearing. We look forward to celebrating *International Week of Deaf People* from Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September. (see ISL Alphabet below).
- 4. Creative Communities Art Project:** We have been chosen to partake in two art workshops as part of an initiative funded by Creative Ireland and Kerry Co. Council Art Office. Our senior pupils will enjoy two sessions with 'Me and the Moon' under the theme of *Paint & Make* on September, 30<sup>th</sup> and October, 2<sup>nd</sup>.



- 5. Green Schools:** We continue to work on our *Green Schools Initiative* as we commence another school year. Our focus returns to **Litter and Waste** this year. We ask that all pupils bring home any waste from their lunch. We are avoiding single-use plastic or paper cups in an effort to reuse and recycle. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

**FYI:** Our Green Schools committee are organising a *Halloween Costume 'Drop & Swap'* shortly. We would be delighted with any donations of 'gently used' costumes and hope that we will be able to offer these to pupils and save the cost of purchasing new items for parents. We will let you know when you can 'drop & swap'! Dates to follow!!



- 6. Wellbeing Programme:** We are delighted to welcome Dan O Sullivan (KB Fitness) to our school for a 3 week programme commencing Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September & every other Tuesday until. These sessions for all pupils will focus on fitness and exercise, healthy eating and mindfulness. **We await a date for our October Clothes Collection & hope that this fundraising event will offset the cost of this programme.**
- 7. First Holy Communion:** The date has been set! We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils on *Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> of May* at 10:30am in Glenflesk Church.
- 8. School Photographs:** School photos will be taken on **Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**. Class groupings, individuals and siblings will be taken on the day. We hope that we will have near to full attendance as possible for class photos on the day.

**[Reminder: Closure – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Primary Maths Curriculum teacher training day]**

Thanking you for your continued support,

L O Sullivan.

# Irish Sign Language Alphabet:

