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9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Dear Parents,

Céad míle fáilte ar ais ar scoil. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that you and all of your family members are keeping well. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of health and happiness for 2024. I would like to inform you of the following;

### **Enrolment Applications for 2024/2025 School Year.**

Enrolment Applications for the forthcoming school year 2024/2025 are now being taken. Closing date for receipt of an application to enrol is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024. If you wish to enrol your child please visit our school website at [www.boardsmillns.com](http://www.boardsmillns.com) download an enrolment application form and return it to the school secretary. Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone known to you who may wish to enrol their child in the school.



### **Christmas Fundraising for Charity.**

Following our Carol Singing and a very successful 'Bake Sale' the school collected a total of €2,070.00 for Meath Palliative Care. Sincere thanks to Mrs. Dobie, Mr. Tighe, Ms. Mullen and the boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> classes and to everyone who contributed.

### **Parents' Association Christmas Raffle.**

A total of €2,897.70 was raised by the Parents' Association from our recent Christmas raffle. Congratulations to all who won prizes on the day.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Molly McGettigan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Keith Hamilton
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Halpin	4 <sup>th</sup>	Moira Halpin
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hayley O' Brien	6 <sup>th</sup>	Áine Fitzgerald
7 <sup>th</sup>	Noel Perry	8 <sup>th</sup>	Andy Farrelly
9 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Kennedy	10 <sup>th</sup>	Méabh Fitzsimons



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association and everyone involved in organising the raffle, and particularly those who sponsored prizes and purchased tickets. I would also like to thank the children who worked hard selling the tickets.

### **Christmas Art Fair.**

We held another very successful and enjoyable Christmas Art Fair in the school prior to the Christmas Holidays. The success of this event would not have been possible without everyone's contribution and involvement. I would like to thank the staff, the Parents' Association and all the volunteers for all their hard work with organising this event and ensuring that everything went smoothly on the night. We would like to acknowledge the incredible artwork by all the children and the individual contributions of the pupils. A huge thank you to all.

### **Confirmation.**

Confirmation for our 6<sup>th</sup> class children will take place on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January at 11.00am in St. Patrick's Church, Trim. There will be another preparation mass this Sunday (14<sup>th</sup>) at 11.00am in Trim where the focus of the mass will be on 'My Confirmation Sponsor'.

### School Closure.

The school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2024 for St. Brigid's Day.

### Catholic Schools Week.

This year's Catholic Schools Week will take place from Sunday 21st January-Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024. This year's theme for Catholic Schools Week is "Communities of Service."



### Credit Union Money Club.

A member of the Credit Union is visiting the school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January to lodge money from children to their savings accounts if they so wish.



### Teaching Practice.

Kyleigh Britton will be working alongside Mrs. Smyth in Junior Infants for the next 3 weeks.

### Lost Purse.

A purse with a small sum of money was found on the school grounds after our Christmas Art Fair. If anyone knows of a family member who may have lost it, please contact Emma in the office.



### School Website.

I would like to remind you again of our school website at [www.boardsmillns.com](http://www.boardsmillns.com) and encourage you to view it frequently for up to date information on school activities/initiatives.

### Birthday Invitations/bringing toys into school.

**Invitations:** Please remember that the school does not allow invitations to birthdays, parties etc. to be distributed in the school. Despite the best intentions of parents, it is very easy for a child to be omitted and feel left out.

**Personal Toys:** Children in Junior and Senior Infants should not bring in their own personal toys to play with as they are often lost or broken and they easily distract the children during the school day.

### Healthy Lunches/Nut Ban.

I would like to remind everyone again of our healthy lunch policy in the school. Full details are on our school website. **Again, please remember that all nuts and foods/drinks with traces of nuts are banned in the school.**



### Uniforms.

Please ensure that all children are wearing the correct and full uniform. Tracksuits should only be worn on the days when children have P.E.

Yours sincerely,

*James Battersby*

James Battersby (Principal)