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Please take some time to read our May  
newsletter.

### **Green Flag Award for Biodiversity**

We received the wonderful news in April that our application for the International Green Flag award has been successful. Our Green Schools Committee under the dedicated guidance of Mrs O' Brien worked tirelessly on this project over the last two years. Congratulations to everyone involved including the members of the Green Schools Committee who are now in Secondary school. Mrs O' Brien along with some members of the committee will represent the school at a National Green Flag awards ceremony. The Green Flag will be presented by An Taisce on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Lough Atalia Road, Galway. We look forward to raising our newest Green Flag during the celebrations on the day of the summer holidays, 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Confirmation**

Confirmation took place with Bishop Kirby in Cappataggle Church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May for the children from Cappataggle & Kilrickle National Schools. The children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes participated fully in the ceremony and did themselves proud on the day with beautiful singing, instrumentals and reading. Thanks to the choir of St. Michael's Church for their wonderful singing which really added to the ceremony. Thanks to Fr. Stankard, Mrs Gilmartin & Mr Kelly for their hard work in preparing the children. Thanks also to the many Altar Servers who helped out on the day.

### **GAA**

Children are training almost daily for upcoming matches in football, hurling and camogie.

The Girls Football blitz will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May here in Cappataggle with teams visiting from Ballymana, Northampton, Kilcooley and Gaelscoil na bFilí. The winners of our Group A will play the winners of Group B which include Kilnadeema, Doorus, Ballyglass, Leitrim and Kilbeacanty. We wish the girls the best of luck and look forward to a match report in the next newsletter.

The Boys Football has not been fixed yet but we will play in a group which includes Kilnadeema, G.S de hÍde, Bullaun and Aughrim. Girls Camogie Blitz will be played in Cappataggle (date to be decided). Teams involved include Duniry/Abbey, Kiltormer, Tynagh/ Killeen and Eyrecourt.

Boys hurling will commence on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May here at home when we will play Lisheenkyle. Other teams in our group include Kilchreest, Killimor and Kinvara. We will travel away for all three remaining matches.

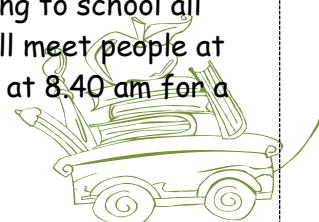
We wish all our teams and their teachers the very best of luck. Thanks to Ms Mannion, Mrs Gilmartin and Mrs Coen for all their hard work training the children and to Mrs Coen for co-ordinating matches throughout the year.

### **School Tours**

The Junior Tour has been changed from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Further details on both tours will follow from class teachers in due course.

### **National Walk to School Week 2014**

Join in Green-Schools' National WOW day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May and help us reach the target of 20,000 people walking to school all over Ireland. Mrs O' Brien will meet people at the church tomorrow morning at 8.40 am for a walk to school.



## Incredible Edibles & the Green Schools Garden

Children have been busy planting fruit and vegetables over the last few weeks. The raised beds are starting to fill up once again with green sprouts and leaves. Children are growing lettuce, tomatoes and peas. Thanks to parents for donations of plants - we are very grateful for these. As part of The Incredible Edibles Programme we also received potatoes, carrots and turnip seeds as well as strawberry plants in the Junior classes. Incredible Edibles is a healthy eating initiative for Primary School pupils. It encourages schools across the country to get busy growing carrots, lettuce, potatoes, strawberries and turnips. Schools are supplied with grow packs containing everything they needed to grow a veritable feast of healthy foods! Healthy Eating week is taking place May 13-19. Students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class will record their daily intake of potatoes, fruits and vegetables. We will be completing our project in the coming weeks. Thanks to Joe for all his help in the garden.



## Monster Raffle Update

Tickets have been distributed over the last week and we would like to thank all families who have already made huge efforts and returned their tickets. If you require extra tickets please contact Sheila in the school office. Teams are also being established to sell tickets in the many station areas. Thanks to all our volunteers. The draw will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the school hall. Thanks to everybody who has donated prizes to date. We are very grateful for your generosity. This year all monies raised will be invested into I.T. - for laptop and/or tablet computers for use by the children in all classes.



## School Uniform Parent Questionnaire

The results of the survey are in. A total of 53 families responded. 51 families are in favour of having a school uniform in Cappataggle N.S. while 2 respondents were not in favour. 43 families are not in favour of having a school crest while 10 were. A small minority were in favour of having a school tracksuit. The results have been considered by the staff and Board of Management and it has been decided that wearing a full school uniform (without a school crest) will be compulsory from September 2014 and will be enforced as part of the school rules.

## Book Rental Scheme

The Book Grant has arrived (70% payment). Class teachers will be looking at schemes over the next few weeks before making final decisions on Booklists for the following school year. There will be a substantial investment in books this year and it will be rolled out to all classes over the next 3 years. This is a welcome initiative and will significantly reduce the cost of school books to families. Children will rent textbooks for the year for a nominal fee. Workbooks will be purchased as usual, particularly in the Junior Classes. Further details will issue with booklists in June.

## Dates for your diary...

- ✚ Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May - First Confession Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May - First Communion Mass 11am
- ✚ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - School Closed European Parliament & Local Elections
- ✚ Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Bank Holiday
- ✚ Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Junior Tour
- ✚ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Sports Day
- ✚ Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass 7.30pm
- ✚ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Senior Tour
- ✚ Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Monster Raffle & Cake Sale/Coffee Morning & Summer Holidays 12 noon

Kind Regards,  
Lorraine Burke

