



Newsletter

May 2021

### **Sports Day**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding our school Sports Day. Thank you to the 8 parents for volunteering their help at the stations!

Due to Covid-19, we will be doing Sports Day a little differently this year. In a letter from the Department of Education, it outlines that "schools can hold school sports days, without the attendance of family members. Schools must ensure that sport days and all sporting activities are in accordance with the school's COVID-19 response plan with particular emphases on holding such activities within the existing pods and bubble structure."

Therefore, we have organised a station-based Sports Day. The children will compete the stations in their pods. We hope to take lots of photographs to show mums and dads and most importantly have lots of FUN! The class teachers will be running the regular class races during that week too!

### **School Tour**

Children from junior infants to 3<sup>rd</sup> class will be going to Fota Wildlife Park for their school tour on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> June. Children will be outdoors throughout their time there. Classroom bubbles will travel separately via bus according to their pod groupings. More details to follow.

Children from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class will go to the Dock beach for their school tour this year. They will be engaging in water-based activities and team games followed by a barbeque. More details to follow.

### **Graduation Day**

We will celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> class leavers on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately, again the Department has told us that we cannot have families present. Instead, we will organise a Zoom Call for all 6<sup>th</sup> class parents. If you have extended family who would also like to attend, please send Sue in the office their email address and full name by 18<sup>th</sup> June and we will ensure that they are added to the list.

### **Drumcondra Testing and end of year reports**

Standardised testing started last week. You will receive your child's Standardised STen Score in their end of year report. Your child's report will be posted to you mid-June. An email will be sent to let you know when to expect it. To gain an understanding of the results, please click on the following link: [What do my child's standardised test results mean?](#) As with other tests your child does in school, the score on a standardised test can be affected by how he/she feels on the test day or by worry or excitement about a home or school event. This means that each

test score is an indication of your child's achievement. Remember that you play an important role in encouraging and supporting your child regardless of test results. You may like to arrange to meet with your child's teacher if you have any concerns about his/ her scores.

### **Uniform Order**

Over the past year, the Board of Management has been working towards bringing a new school uniform to our school. The rationale for a new uniform was to make it harder wearing and better value, all while increasing our school's identity and promoting our lovely new logo! The uniform is now available to order. Please place order by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. You will receive your order in the days before we return to school in August. Once you return the order form, you will receive a link via email to pay the bill through our online payment system 'Aladdin'.

The following items can be ordered through the school:

- Jumper: We are replacing the sweater with a V-neck 100% acrylic knitted jumper. The knitted jumper will be embroidered with the new school logo. While the price has increased, the quality is better, and the jumpers should last much longer. We have washed them at high temperatures!
- The current light blue polo shirt will also have the new school logo embroidered on it (50c price increase due to Brexit).
- A softshell jacket with the new school logo embroidered will also be available to order.

From September 2021, all pupils will be required to wear navy school trousers/skirt/pinafore. The school does not supply this part of the uniform. To order school trousers/skirt/pinafores for September, please see the following links:

- [Marks and Spencer](#)
- [Dunnes Stores](#)
- You can also purchase standard navy school trousers/skirt/pinafores at other retail outlets. Navy tights or navy socks must be worn with skirts/pinafores.
- Plain Navy Tracksuit must be worn on PE days. Your child's PE days will be confirmed before their return in August.



### **ASD Class**

As you know by now, we are opening our new ASD unit in September. This class will be referred to as Síológa (She – low – i -ga) 'Síológa' is Irish for 'Seedlings'. Our ASD Policy was ratified by the Board of Management this week and is available to view on our school website.

### **Return to School Declaration Form**

We have gone digital for the Return to School Declaration Form. We guarantee you that it is much easier to fill in than the hard copy! If your child is absent or needs to be collected early due to illness, you will need to fill this form in before they return to school. The link is on the school website (look for the green box). It has also been emailed a couple of times and for good measure, here it is again: [Return to School Declaration Form](#)

### **A message from the PA**

The PA would like to thank everyone who got stuck into our very enjoyable recent, online quiz. Thank you to the quiz masters and businesses who supported us through prizes. We raised €800 which a great achievement and really helps when fundraising events are so limited. We would like to thank all those businesses that continue to support our school including Lidl, Fintan Lynch, Kinsale salon, Bandon Co-op, Kinsale Hotel, Kinsale Mead, Canvas Works, The Print Shop, OHK, Kinsale Bookstor, The Blue Haven and Kinsale Spirit/Kinsale Gin.

### **School Books for 2021 – 2022**

Book lists will be emailed to parents shortly.

### **New School Calendar for 2021 – 2022 –**

Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Back to School
25/10/2021 until 29/10/2021	October midterm break
23/12/2021 until 05/01/2022	Christmas Holidays
21/02/2022 until 25/02/2022	February midterm break
17/03/2022	St. Patrick's Day
11/04/2022 until 22/04/2022	Easter Holidays
02/05/2022	May bank holiday
06/06/2022	June bank holiday
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Last school day

### **Dates for your diary**

- ◆ Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June Bandon Grammar Open Day
- ◆ Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June – KCS Open Day
- ◆ Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – deadline for uniform order
- ◆ Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day
- ◆ Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Open Day for new families
- ◆ Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June – School Tours
- ◆ Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
- ◆ Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day of School – school closes at 12pm.