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Congratulations to the boys and girls for winning the Small Schools Plaque at the Swimming Gala last Friday! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of the competitors, well done!

The Soccer Tournament will take place on Saturday, 6th May from in Ashton Comprehensive School from 1pm – 4pm. We have entered a girl and boy senior team this year. Parents have been notified by email. Thank you to everyone for getting back to us.

We are holding our annual Athletics Practice Day at Kinsale Community School's racing track this year. It will be held on Tuesday, 30th May from 9:30am – 11:30am.

The ISSA Athletics Competition will take place in the Mardyke on Thursday, 8th June. Pupils will be selected to compete according to relevant age categories. More details to follow.

Congratulations

Congratulations to parent, Annette Quaid, on winning two gold medals and one silver medal in the World Masters Athletics Championships. What an outstanding achievement!

Tidy Towns

Last Friday, our school was presented with an apple tree (from Supervalu) and certificate from Kinsale Tidy Towns in recognition of our Green School status and all the work on Biodiversity. The Mayor of Kinsale, Marie O Sullivan, Mr Stephen Smith of Supervalu and members of Kinsale Tidy Towns were in attendance to mark the special occasion.

Marine Scientist

Marine Scientist, Benny Joyce, visited us today to talk to the children about Marine Science. Benny brought an array of marine-based resources for each class to investigate and learn more about. We looked at species of shark and whale common in Irish waters as well as microscopic plankton, shells and bones. The pupils were able to get hands-on experience as Benny brought various whale and dolphin bones, shark's teeth and other equipment used for investigating sea life.

Creative Week

We will be celebrating Creative Week from 8th – 12th May. This week will comprise of creative activities such as gardening, baking, cooking, stitching, etc. Each class will participate in a creative activity on a daily basis.

After School

Mary Witty continues to provide after school care for children from Monday – Thursday 1:30pm – 5:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact her on 085 275 3919.

Table Quiz

The Parents Association has organised the annual Table Quiz which will be held on Thursday, 11th May. It promises to be an evening of fun and entertainment with lots of prizes to be raffled and won. Please save the date!

Bee Talk

We welcome Mary from Heritage Schools back again in June to talk to the children about bees and how they are such an important part of our ecosystem.

Tennis

All classes started tennis with Maria Bolster from Kinsale Tennis Club last week. If your child has their own tennis racquet, please bring it in on Fridays. The cost is €20 per child. You have been billed on Aladdin.

Physical Education lessons will continue to fulfill the allocated time and possibly more with discretionary time. The primary school curriculum allocates one hour per week to Physical Education.

Primary Language Curriculum Training Day

School will be closed on Friday, 12th May to facilitate staff training for the New Primary Language Curriculum. We will also be closing at 12pm on 9th June to facilitate New Primary Curriculum Training for teachers.

New Primary Curriculum Framework

The New Primary Curriculum Framework was launched recently. If you are interested in reading about it, please click here: [New Primary Curriculum Framework](#)

Nut Ban Reconsidered

As we no longer have anyone with a nut allergy in school, we have decided to lift the ban on nuts! If your child has a nut allergy, please ensure to let us know as soon as is possible.

Car Idling

As a Green School, we ask that you please switch off your car engines while waiting outside the school gate for pick-up or drop-off. Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and

hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

Book Lists

Parents are no longer expected to purchase school books. You will not receive a book list for 2023-2024 school year as the school will provide all books next year. We ask that you please provide a pencil case and school bag for your child. If you feel you need assistance with this, please let us know.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing will take place during the week of the 22nd of May. Please ensure full attendance, where possible.

For further information about standardised testing please click [HERE](#)

Gardening

Maite Exposito comes in on Mondays to help us out at the garden and polytunnel. We have planted lots of seeds and we have plenty of more exciting projects on the horizon, watch this space!

Science in a Box

4th and 5th Class continue to engage in exciting science lessons from scientists working in Eli Lilly. They have been working on some fascinating projects!

Science Blast

Pupils from 4th and 5th class will travel to Limerick on 25th May to participate in the ESB Science Blast programme for primary schools. Throughout the year, they have been investigating the biodegradability of a range of different objects. We wish them the best of luck in showcasing their work!

Parents Association Committee

We are excited to announce the formation of our new school committee, consisting of members Ann Harte, Pauline Copithorne, Maeve McLoughlin, Claire Booth, Anne De Haan, Jean

Matthieu Schaffhauser, Brigitte Oertel and Lynn Hosford. Our new committee will be in place until November 2023. If anyone would like to join either now or in November, you would be most welcome.

The committee in conjunction with Ms Horan have been able to put recently raised funds towards fun and educational activities for the children as well as new resources for our school, such as: the purchase of bean bags for each classroom, funding the bus for the upcoming school tour, sports equipment, and interactive talks from "Cybersafe Kids" and "Marine Scientist".

Upcoming Events:

The family Table Quiz is taking place on Thursday 11th May. This is always a fun night for both the kids and adults. This year we have added a Movie Night for the younger kids and a tuck shop for the older ones. We will be serving a complimentary drink on arrival for the parents, and finger food for all. It promises to be a fun, entertaining and perhaps even competitive night for some! We have fantastic quiz and raffle prizes up for grabs. Watch out for the flyer and return slip which is being sent home this week.

The Strawberry Fayre is taking place on Saturday 10th June in St Multose Hall. The parishioners of Kinsale parish organise this event, however in recent years the parents of the pupils in the school have taken responsibility for running the children's activities. If you are free to volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

The annual School Barbeque is due to take place on Friday 16th June.

We are hoping to see as many of you as possible attend these events and support our school community. The success of our school events is in part

reliant on the support that we get from parents of each class within the school. If you are interested and available to support, please contact your class rep or one of the committee members for more information.

Lynn Hosford
Chairperson of the Parents' Association

Dates for your diary:

6th May – Soccer Tournament
11th May – Table Quiz
12th May – School closed (Teacher training)
25th May – Diocesan Service at Church of Saint Peter, Bandon
25th May – Science Blast in Limerick
30th May – KCS Athletics Practice
2nd June - School Tour
8th June – ½ day (Teacher training)
10th June – Strawberry Fayre
16th June – Sports Day followed by BBQ
8th June – Athletics in Mardyke Arena

