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Principal: Mrs. Keira McCallan BA (Hons), PQH

Monday, 18th October, 2021.

Dear Parent,

- Congratulations to **Mrs. Barrett** for recently completing her **Level 3 Forest School Accreditation.** This now means that our school is an official **Forest School** recognised by the **Northern Ireland Forest School Association.** We will shortly be in receipt of our Forest School plaque. Well done, Mrs. Barrett!

- The **Sam Maguire and Ulster Anglo-Celt Cups** and five members of the **Tyrone Senior Team** (Peter Harte, Ben McDonald, Niall Kelly, Darragh Canavan and Darragh McAnenly) visited our school on **Wednesday** afternoon and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience**. Jason Mc Cartan**, photographer from the Herald, took some fantastic photographs which should be in the Herald and on our school website shortly. Staff took photographs of all pupils and these will be available on our school website by the end of the week.

- Following an application process our **Year Six** pupils have been selected to participate in the **BBC Microbit Coding Programme - Micropython 100.** With over 115 schools registering and only 50 places available we feel very lucky indeed. The programme consists of 6 face-to-face workshops and 2 on-line sessions. Face-to-face workshops will take place on a Monday morning. The first session was held today and pupils thoroughly enjoyed it. Check out https://microbit.org/ for further information.

- Please see a flyer on our school website advertising a **Halloween Multi-Sports Camp** delivered by **AB Coaching.**

- Please see a flyer on our school website from **South-West College.**

- Following trials on Friday, a **Boys' Team (6 pupils)** and a **Girls' Team (6 pupils)** will be travelling by bus to **Dungannon** on **Wednesday, 24th November** to compete in the **NI Athletics Annual Primary School Cross - Country Competition.** Reserve competitors (3 boys and 3 girls) will also be

travelling to Dungannon on that day to participate in a **Fun Run.** Further details to follow closer to the event.

- Our **Advent Carol Service** will take place on **Tuesday, 14th December @ 7.00pm** in **St. Patrick's Church, Eskra**. Everyone is welcome.

- **Mrs. Mullin** will be recommencing **Choir Practice** during school on a **Thursday** afternoon. Due to high numbers of pupils wanting to participate, there will be two sessions, to start with. These session will start on **Thursday, 4th November.**

- I am delighted to inform you that **Mrs. Mulligan** has kindly offered to deliver **Tin Whistle** tuition to all interested pupils in **Key Stage Two (Years 5 - 7)**. **Year 5/6** tuition will take place on a **Tuesday** afternoon and **Year 7** tuition will take place on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Both sessions will take place during school hours. These sessions are free, however, we ask that pupils bring their own tin whistle with them to school. Please make sure that your child's tin whistle is labelled with his/her name. Sessions will commence week beginning **1st November, 2021.** Please complete the **Expression of Interest Reply Slip** and return it to school by **Thursday** of this week.

- This week is **Maths Week** in **Ireland.** Pupils will be completing some fun activities in school and for homework. Check out the website www.mathsweek.ie for some ideas to try out at home.

- Pupils, staff and parents are invited to dress up on **Thursday, 21st October** for **Halloween**.

- Our school will be closed from **Monday, 25th October to Friday, 29th October (inclusive)** for the **Halloween** break. Pupils are asked to return to school on **Monday, 1st November** at the usual time.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Keira McCallan
Mrs. Keira McCallan (Principal)

Expression Of Interest – Tin Whistle

My child _____ would like to participate in Tin Whistle tuition.

Signed:
Date: