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## Monastery National School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying the sunny spring weather. I have a few news items for you as follows;

**DEIS Status Awarded to Monastery NS - Great news! Monastery NS has been awarded DEIS 2 status by the Department of Education. This will bring significant annual funding, resources and opportunities to our school community.** We are one of only 3 schools in the area to be awarded this status. We will receive full details of our new DEIS status in due course and will keep parents informed of all our new resources and initiatives.

**Enrolment of Junior Infants 2022** - enrolment is still open for girls and boys to our two small Junior Infant classes beginning school on Wednesday August 31st 2022. Enrolment forms are available on our website at <https://www.monasterynsardee.ie/parents/enrolment/> or by contacting our school office. We will be hosting an **Information Evening** for parents who have already enrolled their child in our school followed by an **Infant Open Day** where you and your child can visit their new classroom and meet their teacher for next year.

**Sacraments** - We wish our 6th class pupils the very best on the occasion of their **Confirmation** with Celebrant Archbishop Eamonn Martin tomorrow at 2pm in our local Church. Parents shared lovingly in the joy of their son's Baptism and tomorrow we will all be so proud to share in the joy of your son's Confirmation. Members of your family who can't join us on the day can view your son's Confirmation on the Church webcam at <https://churchmedia.tv/church-of-the-nativity-of-our-lady> A **Class Confirmation photograph** will be taken next Tuesday April 5th. 6th class should wear their Confirmation outfit to school. The weather forecast is good for tomorrow and we wish you a wonderful day with your family.

**First Confession - 2nd class pupils** - First Confession for your son is taking place **next week on Thursday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please ensure your son is in the church by 6.50pm.** He should wear his usual school uniform for this occasion. The children will sit with their own class group. Upon receiving absolution your son will come to your seat for a hug before re-joining his classmates. We have been preparing for First Confession for some time. However, additional practice of the **'Rite of Confession'** and prayers (already sent home) would be a help to your son on Thursday evening. Your child may benefit from your support and assistance in thinking and talking about *'times they did not show love'* in preparation for Thursday night also.

**Parents' Association Easter Egg Raffle** - Our Parents Association are organising an **Easter Egg raffle**. First prize is an Easter Hamper and there are many other great prizes including over

50 Easter Eggs! Raffle tickets are €2 for a strip of tickets or €5 for 3 strips. The raffle takes place next Friday April 8th at Easter Assembly. **To buy tickets send money in a marked envelope into your son's teacher. Raffle tickets will be returned in the envelope.**

Our Parents' Association are also sponsoring a very special treat for all our pupils. The **Moon and Sixpence Puppet Theatre** has always been a big hit with our pupils and hasn't been with us for over two years. They will visit Monastery NS on April 29th and perform two shows, a panto style version of "*Red Riding Hood*" for infants to 2nd and "*Over the Rainbow*" featuring Leprechaun Michaelin Bheag for 3rd to 6th classes. Check out their website at <https://moonandsixpencepuppettheatre.com/>

**GAA News** - Congratulations to our **GAA 7s team** who following two rounds of blitzes have reached the **County Final next Tuesday April 5th in Stabannon at 3pm**. Their opponents are Kilcurry NS, Tallanstown NS and Tinure NS. The team includes 6th class boys Pauric Maguire, James Skelly, Liam McGahon, Evan McGuirk, Oran Lynch, Aaron Giggins-Goslin, Alex Pryczynski, Alex Callan-Frazer, Evan Dunne, Jack Dunne, Oisín McCartney and Rory Gillan. Good luck boys and come on Monastery NS!

**Drogheda River Rescue** visit our school with their rescue boat to talk to senior classes about water safety next Wednesday April 6th. Check out their website at <https://www.droghedariverrescue.com/>

**Green Schools** - all classes have been very busy planting vegetable seeds in our *Polytunnel*. We look forward to a good harvest. 6th class will take part in *National Spring Clean Day* after Easter. Our *Green Schools Committee* planted two silver birch trees kindly donated by *Ardee Tidy Towns*.

Yours sincerely,

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