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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Inniscarra Camogie

The All Ireland Senior Camogie Semi-Final v St. Martin's, will take place at Waterford Institute of Technology, Carriganore next Sunday 27th of Jan. at 2pm. Your support would be very welcome. The very best of luck to our own Ms. O'Connor, Senior Infant teacher.

Knitting

For the next 6 weeks at the Tuesday big break Mrs McCabe will be teaching knitting in the library. If your child is interested in learning how to knit, please provide them with a small set of children's knitting needles and double knit wool (knitting needle size 4/4.5mm or 18cm ideally).

If there are any parents, grandparents or members of the community you know of who may be interested in giving a knitting demonstration or displaying some of their work please contact the school.

Green School Visit

We had a visit from our Green Schools Coordinator on Tuesday. We learned a lot about waste recycling and focused on the very interesting theme of travel. We got lots of ideas of how we can help the environment. We are going to focus on car pooling in the school and turning off engines while we are parked. We are entering into year one of a two year programme towards our next green flag.

Indoor Camogie

Our 4th class indoor camogie tournament will take place on Wednesday 30th of Jan. at 12.30pm in Bishopstown.

Vicarstown's Vision 2022

Over half the families in the school have answered our survey and the responses have been very helpful. Could I ask the remaining families to fill it out this week.

Click here for link

We are currently revising our Homework Policy and there is a section in the survey for this topic which would be very helpful.

Chess

Our chess team, comprising pupils from 3rd to 6th class, is going to participate in the Ficheall tournament on the 29th of January in Éire Óg GAA Hall. We will be distributing permission slips today for those partaking in the tournament.

Morning Club

Morning club has been running since the start of the school year and has been a great resource for the school. Following the planned review after term 1, I'd like to outline the following changes based on keeping the club feasible and following best practice as regards child safeguarding.

- 1. There will be a minimum requirement of two children attending each morning
- 2. E-mail to be sent to confirm day or days for that week by 6pm (at the latest), the day before.
- 3. An e-mail will be sent to inform parent that morning club is not running in the event only one child is attending.

These changes are intended to keep the club running as numbers have been inconsistent with some mornings having 4 or 5 children and others having no children.

Please also be aware that the 1.30 club is active Monday to Friday.

Homework club is available upon request but will require a minimum of 2 attendees for child safeguarding purposes.

ALDI - Rugby

ALDI, in conjunction with the IRFU are giving out tokens for a chance for schools to win money to be put towards sports equipment. If you do you shopping with ALDI we would greatly appreciate you collecting the tokens and passing them into the school, thank you!



Active Schools

Congratulations to Molly Buckley, Senior Infants who is this week's Active Person of the Week. Thank you so much for all of the great active photos that we have received from families active over the weekend. Keep 'em coming and keep active!

Kind regards,

Peter Mulcahy,

Principal