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How quickly our first month has passed! Well done to all of our wonderful pupils who have happily settled back into school life. A particular special mention must go to our 12 newest school members from Junior Infants, they have adjusted to 'big school' with ease. As always, a huge word of appreciation to our parental body for the support and cooperation you've afforded us here in Cahergal. We've been busy making sure the children are learning in a fun and active way and all of the news below is testament to this.

## School Closures to note:

**Mid-Term Break – Closing Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Re-opening on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Drop off in the morning** – A reminder that pupils should not be dropped off before the front door is open at 9.05am each morning. We ask that pupils wait in cars until a staff member opens the door.

**School jumpers** – A gentle reminder to please clearly label your child's name on their school jumpers. We have a few jumpers in our lost and found this year with no way of identifying them.

**Cross Country Running** – A big well done to all of the pupils from Third to Sixth Class who represented us at the East Galway round of Cross Country running in Renmore on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations to Michaela Leonard in Fourth Class who qualified for the County Final on Tuesday last, after finishing in 17<sup>th</sup> position out of 238 runners. Michaela represented us with distinction at the County round.

**St. Jarlath's Football Blitz** – Senior pupils enjoyed a brilliant day of Gaelic Football in St. Jarlath's College on Wednesday. Our girls were part of history as they were among the first girls' teams to ever compete in the blitz.

**Heritage in Schools** – Fifth and Sixth Classes have loved learning about the history of the local area with Heritage in Schools Expert, Martin Curley. They have used our iPads to explore the OSI Census maps from as far back as 1830, pre-famine times. They hope to visit Barbersfort House and the local Cahergal Fort next week.

**Swimming** – Third and Fourth Classes are enjoying swimming lessons in the Coral Leisure Centre each Friday.

**New School Garden** – What a difference the new raised beds and planting have made to our school grounds. Each class will be planting spring bulbs in the next few days. A huge thank you to Brendan Fahy, a former school parent, who did such a wonderful job completing the project.

**Parents Association A.G.M.** – Our Parents Association A.G.M. will take place on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, @6.30pm in the school. This is a lovely way for parents to get involved in the school community and get to know people. New members very welcome. We are continually grateful for the work, support and help of our Parents Association.

**Parent Teacher Meetings** – We will hold in person Parent/Teacher Meetings on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of November in the school. Times and dates for each family will be emailed to parents before the midterm

break. If any parent cannot attend their given time, please let us know via return email and we will try to find a suitable time.

**Trick or Treat for Temple Street** – On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, we will help raise funds for the sick children in Temple Street Hospital by asking our pupils to dress up in their Halloween costume (home-made and as simple as can be) and to donate €2. This is an activity the pupils love each year and we hold a little parade in the Halla to mark the occasion. We ask that no overtly scary or upsetting costumes are worn. As it will be the last day of the half term, all classes will be having a small party so pupils can bring two treats and a drink (non-fizzy).

**Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal** – Another special initiative we are looking forward to is the Shoe Box Appeal which allows children to help those in need elsewhere in the world. We are sending home information to all pupils with this newsletter. While this is a lovely initiative there is no obligation on any family to participate. Completed shoeboxes must be returned to the school no later than Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to have some shoeboxes available in the school next week and will send one home to each family.

**Child Safeguarding Review** – We will be sending out some information to parents via email in the coming week regarding our annual review of Child Protection procedures in the school.

**Steps Engineers Project** – Third and Fourth Class will be taking part in the Steps Young Engineers Award and exploring science, creativity and the environment.

**Maths Week Ireland** – We are really looking forward to celebrating Maths Week Ireland 2022 along with thousands of other registered schools across the country. We have lots of fun maths related fun planned for the children.

**Cycle Right Course** – Pupils in Fifth and Sixth Class will begin a cycling safety course this coming Monday with trained tutors from Cycle Right. The cost of the course is supplemented by Galway County Council and An Taisce.

**Literacy Lift-Off** – Our First and Second Class pupils will begin a 5 week block of Literacy Lift-Off. This is a fun and focused initiative aimed at boosting children's reading interest and ability.

**Green Schools** – Our Green Schools Committee will be getting into action in the coming weeks as we begin the campaign to achieve our 7<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for Global Citizenship, Energy.