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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

First of all, may I thank all pupils, staff, parents and members of the wider school community who have been so welcoming to me in my first few weeks as principal of Scoil Naomh Fiachra. It is an honour to join such a vibrant and energetic school community. We are now entering the final few weeks of the school year and are busy preparing for Standardised Tests, Report Cards, Active Week, The School Tour and 6th Class Graduation. I would ask that all children are present in school over the coming weeks to allow for the smooth organisation and running of these activities and most importantly, to ensure that they don't miss out. We are currently finalising the 2019/2020 school calendar and booklists. It is hoped that they will be sent home and published on our school website www.clontubrid.ie in the coming weeks.

FAMILY FUN RUN SUNDAY 2ND JUNE!

The Clontubrid National School Family Fun Run will take place on **Sunday 2nd June 2019 at 10.30 am**. Activities will include the Fun-Run, A Variety of Games, Treats, A Cake Sale and A Raffle! Thank you most sincerely to our fantastic Parents' Council, who are putting tremendous work into organising what will no doubt be an exciting and fun-filled event. If you can volunteer on the morning please inform any member of the Parents' Council. Donations for raffle prizes/hampers are most welcome, they can be dropped into the school throughout this week or on the morning of the Fun-Run. We are also looking for donations for the Cake Sale and these can be dropped to the school from 9.00am on the 2nd of June. Thank you all for your support and above all enjoy and have fun!

NEW INFANTS MORNING

We will be hosting our new Junior Infants Induction Morning on **Thursday 6th June 2019 from 10.00am to 11.30am**. There will be a cup of tea/coffee and an opportunity for parents to chat at 11.30am when collecting the children. We look forward to meeting all of our new students and their parents then.

SCHOOL TOUR

Our School Tour to Clara Lara Fun Park will take place on **Tuesday 11th June**. Please return permission slips before this date. The bus will leave school at 8.00am and return to the school at approximately 5.30pm. On the day, children should bring a swim-suit, towel, t-shirt, shorts and old-runners, 2-packed lunches and plenty of drinks. As children will get wet during activities please ensure that they have dry t-shirts, shorts, runners to change into. We are asking children to wear a red t-shirt on the day in order to assist our supervision. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions relating to the tour.

GRADUATION

Our 6th Class Graduation will be held on **Friday 7th June 2019 at 9.30am**. All parents of our 6th Class are invited to attend. Our 5 graduates are working very hard to prepare for the ceremony and we are very proud of all of their achievements throughout their time in Scoil Naomh Fiachra.

STAMPED ADDRESS ENVELOPES

Please supply the school with one stamped address envelope per family in order to send home report cards.

SCHOOL SAFETY

A gentle reminder to all parents and pupils to prioritise safety at school drop-off and collection times. Please ensure that you walk your child from the gate to your car at home time.



ACTIVE WEEK 2019

Our Active Week will run from the 10th to 14th June 2019. The plan for the week is as follows: **Cycle Training on Monday 10th June with Chiara Hanrahan** (Children will be asked to bring a bike to school on this morning, further details will be provided before the event), **School Tour to Clara Lara Fun Park on Tuesday 11th June**, **Zumba Class on Wednesday 12th June**, **School Sport's Day on Thursday 13th June** and **Orienteering in Jenkinstown on Friday 14th June**. There will also be many other activities throughout the week, to include extra P.E. time and Active Homework! Thanks to all teachers for all of the organisation involved and to Pat Farrell who will coordinate the orienteering day in Jenkinstown. Please ensure that your child applies sun-cream each day depending on the weather. Last year's 6th Class are welcome back on Thursday 13th June to help out for Sport's Day.

GREEN SCHOOLS

Thanks to Ms. O' Connor and our Green School's committee who are busy working on achieving our school's fourth Green Flag under the theme of Travel. All pupils recently engaged in lessons about climate change, the green house effect, carbon-footprints, car-pooling and the negative effects of car-idling. We also welcomed Chiara Hanrahan from An Taisce to our school on the 9th May. She talked to the pupils about the harmful effects of burning fossil fuels and the advantages of sustainable modes of transport (e.g. walking, cycling, public transport and car-pooling). We are delighted to welcome Chiara back during Active Week to do cycle training lessons with the students. We are also very excited as we await the results of the Green School's poster competition that the children recently engaged in. The standard was incredibly high and all students should be very proud of their efforts.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations to the boys and girls in Second Class who recently made their First Holy Communion. Sincere thanks to Fr. O' Farrell, Ms. Brennan and the parents who helped to prepare the children for the sacrament through the '*Do This in Memory of Me*' programme. A big thank you to our Parents' Council who provided a welcome cup of tea/coffee in our school after the mass. It provided a great opportunity for families to mingle and chat.

HURLING / CAMOGIE

Well done to the camogie and hurling teams this year. The girls made their first ever camogie sevens final which was a brilliant achievement. They also progressed to the semi-final in the championship in Roinn C but unfortunately they were beaten. Our under 11 and under 13 boys' teams also progressed very well this year and represented their school and team with great pride. Thank you to all staff and parents who helped out with coaching, lifts etc., throughout the year. We are very grateful to all pupils who took part on these teams, they should be very proud of themselves, well done!

THANK YOU

May I offer a big thank you to all those who have helped out and contributed to various initiatives in our school throughout this year. All parents, our Parents Council, Board of Management, Staff and members of the wider school community, consistently work so hard and give so generously of their time to support the wonderful work and success of Scoil Naomh Fiachra. Your generosity in this manner is deeply appreciated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 2nd June:	Family Fun Run (10.30am)
Thursday 6th June:	Infant Induction Morning (10.00am-11.30am)
Friday 7th June:	Graduation for 6 th Class (10.00am)
Monday 10th – Friday 14th June:	Active Week 2019
Monday 10th June:	Cycle Training
Tuesday 11th June:	School Tour
Wednesday 12th June:	Zumba Classes
Thursday 13th June:	Sports Day
Friday 14th June:	Orienteering in Jenkinstown
Friday 21st June:	Closed at 12.00 for Summer Holidays.