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Dear parents,

Congratulations to our 2nd class pupils who made their First Communion on Saturday. Thank you to Fr Tynan, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Moloney and all the staff involved in preparing the children for their special day.

We look forward to holding our Sports Evening on our Astroturf pitch this year. This will take place on May 26th at 7pm. Ballylanders N.S. Galbally N.S. and Kilbehenny N.S. have been invited to take part in our football blitz for 5th & 6th class children. The Fr Kelly Memorial cup will be presented to the winners of our blitz. There will also be a variety of races/activities for all age groups.

Our Graduation mass for 6th class pupils has been set for June 9th at 7pm in our school hall.

We are celebrating Autism Awareness week this week with a variety of activities taking place in school. On Wednesday we will take part in the AsIAM Same Chance walk. Children can be dropped to the entrance of Combaun Wood on Wednesday morning from 9am. (Location available on Google Maps). Steve's bus and Mike's bus will drop children that use the bus service as well as children that use the breakfast club to the entrance of Combaun. School bags can be left in school on Tuesday evening with children getting the night off homework on Tuesday as a result!! Children can bring a small backpack for their walk with a small lunch, drink and suncream. PE tracksuits or shorts can be worn on Wednesday as the weather is looking good again.

Sonas & Spraai will visit UL on Thursday 7th May for a sports day. Steve's bus will not be running on this morning, and children are to be dropped to school at 8:30am sharp. We should be back to school for 2pm. A payment link to subsidise bus costs will be sent for this tomorrow. There will be a medal for each child that takes part in a race. There will also be magic shows, ice cream vans, indoor and outdoor activity stations, art stations, Zumba classes, sensory rooms, etc. Children will need a packed lunch, suncream, etc.

Our 5th class pupils have been invited to a Sports Day run by Coláiste Fionnchua on 14th May which will run from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Children will need comfortable clothing and a packed lunch on the day. Children will also need to be collected from Coláiste Fionnchua at 2:30pm.

4th, 5th & 6th class will visit UL on 21st May as they take part in the ESB Science Blast with their project "How to be efficient as possible when running a mile". Thank you to Mr Maloney for his work with this. Children are to be dropped to school for 7:30am as our bus will have to be in UL for 8:40am. A payment link to subsidise bus costs will be sent tomorrow.

Payment links for school tours will also be sent tomorrow. Once again, thank you to our Parents Association for subsidising costs for tours through the St Brigid's crosses fundraiser. Our Ballyhass school tour for 2nd-6th class will cost €50 and our Leahy's Farm school tour for infants to 1st class will cost €23.

We have been informed by the IPPN that guidance documentation for the Summer Programme has been delayed. We will be in contact with families involved in Sonas & Spraoi during the week with provisional dates, pending confirmation of guidance. As you are aware, we have 16 pupils (incoming infants and outgoing 6th Class) hoping to avail of the programme this year. Due to staffing constraints, we will not be able to offer the full two-week programme to all participants.

Reminder school is closed on May 19th as staff take part in training for the new primary school curriculum.

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Seán Kearney