

## 2. Nuachtlitir

18/09/2023

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

### **Non-uniform day in Aid of Libya**

A little over a week ago two dams in Libya burst under the pressure of torrential rains from the hurricane-strength Storm Daniel. Floodwaters triggered by the burst dams near the city of Derna swept away entire neighbourhoods. According to Unicef more than 5,000 people have lost their lives and thousands more are still missing. Survivors need access to safe water, food, emergency medical kits and shelter. This Friday, September 22nd, we will be supporting Unicef's fundraising appeal by holding a non-uniform day. We are asking all children to come to school in their own clothes on the day and to bring a donation of €2 if possible. Any money raised will be donated directly to Unicef's fundraising appeal.

### **School Photographer**

A school photographer (Memory Lane) will come to the school Wednesday October 4th. We will take photographs of children in **Junior Infants and 6th Class**, individually, with their siblings and class groups. Parents will get sample photographs to view but there is no obligation to purchase photographs. Please ensure that your child/children is/are wearing full uniform (including tie) on Wednesday, October 4th.

If parents of children from other classes wish to have photographs taken please contact Anke.

Please complete permission on Aladdin Connect.

### **Appeal for one more student**

The staffing schedule for primary schools is based on the number of pupils enrolled on the 30th September each year. We need 432 pupils on the 30th September 2023 to retain the 18th class teacher for the next school year. Our current enrolment number is 431 pupils; so we are short just one pupil. If you know of any family with school-aged children moving to Rathcormac, please ask them to contact me immediately.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Thérèse Ryan (SNA) on the death of her father recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

### **Tracksuits/School Uniforms**

Full school uniform or school tracksuit on appointed days must be worn by all pupils. Shorts must be plain navy or grey (no coloured shorts or leggings). Please ensure your child has a blue polo shirt to wear with the school tracksuit (no football jerseys etc.). As the weather is getting colder pupils should bring a coat to wear in the yard. Please label all items of clothing.

## **Comhghairdeas**

Congratulations and well done to the girls Camogie Team who won the U12 Group County Final yesterday.

Congratulations also to all the children who participated in the Rathcormac Community Council Autumn Show. It was great to see so many pupils taking part in the various competitions.

**Maith sibh a pháistí!**

## **Swimming Lessons**

The timetable for the year is as follows:

	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Classes</b>
Session 1	Tuesdays, September 19th - October 24th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Ms Hogan's 5th class (27) Ms Feeney's 2nd class (26)
Session 2	Tuesdays, November 7th- December 12th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss McGrath's 6th class (22) Ms Dorgan's 3rd class (10) Miss Hynes' 3rd class (27)
Session 3	Thursdays, November 9th - December 14th 2023	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss Barr's 6th class (22) Ms Lynch's 3rd class (25) Ms Dorgan's 4th class (10)
Session 4	Tuesdays, January 9th - February 13th 2024	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss Cashman's 6th class (22) Ms Noonan's 4th class (22) Ms Bermingham's 1st class (21)
Session 5	Fridays, January 12th - February 23rd 2024	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Miss Hazelwood's 4th class (22) Miss Hoare's 2nd class (25)
Session 6	Tuesdays, February 20th - March 19th 2024	12 noon - 12.40 pm	Mr O'Sullivan's 5th class (29) Ms S Murphy's 1st class (21)

**This timetable is subject to change.**

Children will need to be able to dress and undress independently as teachers and Garda vetted parent volunteers are present only in a supervisory role and cannot dress or undress children.

**Please note that only parents who are Garda vetted through Scoil Bhríde are allowed to enter the changing areas. Please contact Anke for Garda vetting forms.**

Swimming lessons are compulsory as they are part of the PE curriculum.

### **Permissions for Acceptable Use Policy**

Thank you to everyone who already has completed the AUP permissions on Aladdin. Please read the attached Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) which is also available to view on [www.sbrathcormac.ie](http://www.sbrathcormac.ie). If you have any queries about the policy please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Lost & Found**

We have cleared the Lost & Found basket and have the following items without a name for collection (first come first serve):

Size	Item	Quantity
5-6	Tracksuit Top; School Jumper; Girls school cardigan	1 of each
9-10	Tracksuit Top; School Jumper; Girls school cardigan	1 of each
10-11	Tracksuit Top; School Jumper	1 of each
	Smiggle water bottle	1
	Bicycle helmet (black & yellow)	1
	Jackets (older students)	5

### **Upcoming local events**

★ Rathcormac FC Duck Race

September 30th

★ Fermoy Pantomime Auditions

September 22nd

Flyers for both are attached to this email.

Le gach dea ghúí, Mairéad Uí Íomhair.