

## SAFETY NOTICES:

**SUPERVISION  
STARTS AT  
8:20AM**

**DROP AND GO IN  
THE MORNINGS**

**DRIVERS MUST  
WATCH OUT FOR  
CHILDREN WALK-  
ING & CYCLING**

**NO PARENTS ON  
SITE DURING  
YARD BREAKS**

**ARRIVE NO  
EARLIER THAN  
1PM FOR 1:20PM  
PICK-UP.**

**BUS BAYS ARE  
FOR THE BUSES  
ONLY**

**STAFF CAR PARK  
IS A RESTRICTED  
AREA**

**WE ARE A NUT-  
FREE SCHOOL**

**ANY SAFETY OR  
WELFARE  
CONCERNS  
CONTACT:**

**SHEELAGH  
MURPHY  
(PRINCIPAL & DLP)**

**STEPHEN TERRY  
(DEPUTY  
PRINCIPAL &  
DDL P)**

**Secretaries Strike**

It's been a challenging start to the school year with our secretary Carmel out on the Fórsa picket line. We appreciate your continued support for her and all school secretaries who are striking for access to a public service pension. And we are sorry about all the inconvenience with regard to the front office and no-one there to answer your calls and meet you when you arrive in the door. You can support Carmel by signing the pledge at this link: <https://act.forsa.ie/pensionparityschools>

**Yard  
Week**

There has been a big focus on yard time this week. We've introduced lots of friendly games into the 1st-6th yards, such as: 4 Square, Football Tennis, One-Wall Handball, Heads & Volleys, Around the World (Basketball) and Knock-Out (Basketball). Please check in with your child/

children and ask them about their yard time. If they are experiencing issues please make us aware.

**School Football  
League**

Our Cumann na mBunscol football competitions are getting underway already! Lots of boys tried out for the panels which is great to see. We always prioritise our 6th Class pupils for places on teams as this is their last year in the school. Our 1st fixture is our Div. 1 team v. Killeslin (away) on Tuesday 9th September.

**Swimming**

Our first block of swimming lessons is coming up soon. The classes going are: 3B (Mr. Seale's Class), all of 4th, all of 5th & all of 6th Class. Students will start their swimming lessons on **Thursday 18th September**. Please ensure that your son has the appropriate gear for swimming - togs, swimming hat, towel etc.

**Safety  
Report**

Cybersafe Kids has published a very comprehensive report about children's online habits in Ireland. It is based on research carried out with over 9,000 children aged 8-15 years during the

2024-25 school year. Please see the report attached to this email. It is a must-read for all parents and teachers who are trying to stay up to date with children's experiences of the online world.

**Hot  
Lunches**

Bradburys have been in touch to ask that parents who want to select Gluten Free meals ensure that they have ticked Gluten Free in the dietary requirement section of their child's profile on <https://irishschoolmeals.ie/>. Once selected, Bradburys can ensure that only gluten free dishes will be available for selection for your child.

**Traditional  
Music**

We will be looking for boys to get involved in our school band in the coming weeks. In the meantime we urge those interested in learning how to play traditional Irish music to attend the Registration Night for the local Comhaltas group which is coming up on Friday 12th September at 7:30pm in the Activity Hub, Patrick Street. We will have more details on school music lessons soon.