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28th June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Holiday time already! How this year has flown by. And what an unusual year it has been!! Social Distancing, hand sanitizing, facemasks, staggered start and finish times, one way systems, open doors and windows, contact tracing, zoom, see saw and many other practices have, in some ways, defined our school year. We had a school closure for holidays that was extended by almost 3 months. Distance learning, Zoom classes, See-Saw activities became the norm. Thankfully we got back to school in March and have, by and large, been able to remain learning in school since then. The whole school community 'played a blinder' over the course of the year and deserves to take a bow and accept a clap on the back for successfully navigating a year that will go down in history. Well done and congrats to each and everyone on a wonderful achievement.

We congratulate our 6th Class girls and wish them well as they begin their new adventure in Secondary School. We look forward to hearing how you are all doing in September. It would have been lovely to draw a conclusion to the school year for all of you and the other girls also and say a proper goodbye but that was not to be this year. We are however looking forward to welcoming you back in September.

❖ **First Holy Communion & Confirmation**

As of now First Holy Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 8th July in the parish church. Communion is scheduled for 10:30 and confirmation @12:30 & 2:30. There is a limit in the church for these events. Each child will be able to have 2 adults present only. Confirmation Sponsors will be teachers that are there on the day. Unfortunately, siblings, grandparents or other family members cannot attend. Each ceremony will be available to view @ <https://www.caherdavinparish.com/live-stream/>

❖ **6th Class Graduation**

46 girls will graduate from MQOI this year. They are an amazing group of girls who have always strived to be the best they can be. They have not had a normal last couple of years with us but they will have many tales to tell of the last two years of their primary education. What tales you will share with younger generation many years from now of how a pandemic arrived in 2020 and the changes it brought with it. They will also be able to share, God willing, how it was overcome and subsequent stories of success and achievement in their lives.

❖ **Discover Primary Science and Math's Award**

The pupils and teachers in Scoil Mhuire Banríon na hÉireann have worked very hard this year in all things Science! We are hoping to be successful in acquiring our 18th SFI Discover Primary Science award this summer. Examples of some of the experiments and investigations that the classes took part in can be seen on our website <https://www.mqoi.ie/Page/20202021-STEM-Log-of-Evidence/390661/Index.html>.

❖ **Green Flag**

We continued our Green School work this year by working on all our green school themes - encouraging the girls to keep our school green and tidy, walk / cycle to school, save water, conserve energy, plant flowers and to continue to work on our global citizenship. We all really enjoyed our action day this year too!

❖ **Summer Stars Reading Challenge**

Limerick Libraries are again running the Summer Stars Reading Challenge this year with much of it taking place in all public libraries and online this year - information is available here: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>. We encourage the girls to avail of this challenge and have some fun reading this summer.

❖ **Salesian Sisters Ministry Fund :**

Again, this year we wish to thank The Salesian Sisters Ministry Fund for their generosity in funding or subsidising many great resources and programmes for our school. This year through this funding, we were able to run Blue Box Play Therapy and Early Intervention Course for 'Handwriting Without Tears'. We were also in a position to purchase indoor games for the girls for wet days and Soccer Goal posts also.

We have received further funding this year for more resources / equipment and for this we are incredibly grateful.

❖ **Book Rental**

Thank you to all of you who have paid book rental fees for the 2021/2022 school year. You will be able to make this payment over the coming weeks also online when you can. Thank You.

❖ **Booklists**

Booklists are available on the school website and will also be sent to you via Aladdin where you can find information on which class your child will be in next year.

❖ **Uniform**

- School Uniforms, tracksuits & shorts can be purchased in Fennessy's William Street.
- School Shoes - Black school type shoes, no 'decks' to be worn (for Health & Safety Reasons)
- Runners - no flashing lights as some children suffer from epilepsy.

We encourage you to follow the uniform policy and thank you for your support on this matter in the past.

❖ **On Line Payments**

We thank all of you who have availed of the online payment option this year and are continuing to pay the Book Rental via this method. We encourage all parents to use this method of payment in order to reduce the amount of cash in the school at busy times. You will be notified in late August / early September of the Classroom Requisite payments for the coming school year.

❖ Classes for 2020/21

Junior Infants:	Ms Enright	Room 7	Rang 3:	Ms. Shearin	Room 11
Junior / Senior Infants:	Ms. Daly	Room 8	Rang 4:	A.N. Other	Room 9
Senior Infants:	Mrs. Kennedy	Room 3	Rang 5:	Ms Dorman	Room 10
1 st Class	Ms. McGrath / Ms Barrett	Room 6	Rang 5/Rang 6:	Ms Barry	Room 15
1 st /2 nd Class	Ms McMahan	Room 4	Rang 6:	A.N. Other	Room 14
2 nd /3 rd Class	Ms McInerney / A.N. Other	Room 16	Special Class	Ms Hardiman	Room 5A
S.E.T. teachers	Mrs. Flood/Mrs O'Connor	Sr Joesphine Maloney	Mrs. McNamara/Mrs. Fitzpatrick	Mrs. Kidney	Ms. Frazer

Míle Buíochas/Thanks

Thank you to each and every one of you for your support and understanding over the past year. It has been very challenging for us all. Míle Buíochas to Ms Emma Frazer and Ms Mary Shearin for leading the school so ably over the past school year. They have done a wonderful job. They were very well supported by all other school staff and by you, the parents. You are no doubt delighted the summer is here and that you can take a break from school and homework

As you are aware I'll be retiring at the end of the summer. It has been a privilege working with you in the best interests of your daughters. Your support has always been the cornerstone of the success of Mary Queen of Ireland. I feel confident that you will continue to support the school, its staff and its new principal as s/he takes up his/her new role. Once a new principal has been appointed you will be advised via Aladdin. Many thanks for all your good wishes over the past few weeks.

As a school we look forward to continuing our partnership with you in September. Don Bosco in his teachings always wanted his boys to be Good Christians and Honest Citizens. You as parents/guardians want the same for your children. I along with each staff member have been and will continue to work with you, so that your child can **Be the Best She Can Be**.

I hope you all have a happy, safe and sunny holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

School reopens for all pupils on Monday 30th August 2021. At present we have not received guidelines from the DES re the return to school protocols. We will be in touch in late August via Aladdin and our school website (www.mgoi.ie) to confirm arrangements for the return to school on 30th August. Booklists are available on Aladdin and on the school website. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

Míle Buíochas

Suzanne Cobbe and Staff