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Dear Parents,

<u>Féile Luimnigh</u>: My apologies, I left Siobhán O'Keeffe out from the list of pupils competing in Féile Luimnigh this year. So a big well done and congratulations to Siobhán O'Keeffe also.

<u>Open Day for New Junior Infants</u>: just a reminder our Open Day will take place on Thursday, February 29th between 1 - 2pm. Spread the word!!

Room with a View Miltown Malbay 2084: the creators of this exciting project have been in touch and all the parish schools will be making a contribution to this exciting project. In August, a "time capsule" will be built on the Main Street in Miltown Malbay. We will be looking at 'School in 2084' as our focus area and the RWAV team will be holding a workshop with us on March 14th to dig deeper into our idea and create something to add to their project. More detail about the project can be found on www.RWAV.org

<u>First Confession Rehearsals:</u> 2^{nd} class will be making their First Confession on Wednesday March 6^{th} at 7pm in Miltown Malbay Church. They will have a rehearsal on Monday March 4^{th} at 11:30pm and will need a lift in & out to the church please.

St.Patrick's Day Parade: firstly, thank you to all who attended our Parade meeting on Monday, it was lovely to see the enthusiasm for the parade. Thank you to Lorraine & Declan Carey for providing us with the float again this year, we really do appreciate it. So our theme for the Parade is "Sporting heroes and traditions" and we are going to highlight a few different sports on the float. Our Junior & Senior Infants will be boxers and will all be 'caged' safely in a boxing ring, so if we have any boxing gloves, shorts/top etc. to go over their warmer clothes they can wear those (we don't know if it will be dry, but we do know it gets cold on the float so keep them warm) We will be erecting a set of goals on the float and running a mini football & camogie game, so Miltown and Clare gear for the older pupils, and if anyone doesn't have their own jerseys, we will use the school jerseys. We will also have a few kayakers, surfers and jockeys on board too! Any questions please come in and chat to us. All infants MUST be accompanied on the float by a parent/quardian. The

meeting point is outside Miltown National School at 2pm. Anyone unavailable & not coming on the float with us, please let us know.

Ennistymon Choral Society: $2^{nd} - 6^{th}$ class will attend the Ennistymon Musical 'Happy Days - A New Musical Comedy' on Monday, April 8^{th} . The cost is $mathbb{E}$ 5 per pupil and the Board of Management will kindly pay for the bus.

<u>Internet Safety Class</u>: As part of our Wellbeing drive this year, on Wednesday March 8th (when we are open as we are NOT a polling station) we will have Cyber Safety Expert - Ger Brick from INET Safety Talk- Zooming into Mr. Flanagan's room to deliver an interactive & fun workshop providing children with practical information and rules for Staying Safe and Behaving Responsibly online. He will cover topics including communicating respectfully, cyber bullying, consequences & the law, you ARE what you SHARE on social media, keeping safe online and what to post/not post online.

Dates for your Diary:

First Confession - March 6th - Miltown Malbay Church 7pm

6th Class retreat - March 7th - Miltown Malbay Community Centre

St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday - March 18th - closed

Easter Holidays - closing on Friday March 22nd & re-opening Monday April 8th

Kind regards,

Nicola Sheehan ©