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Dear Parents,

Welcome: to Angela Sumita who has joined 4th class recently. We hope Angela enjoys many happy years in Rineen NS and makes friends and memories that last a lifetime.

First Confession: 2nd class will be making their First Confession tonight, March 6th at 7pm in Miltown Malbay Church. Fr. Donagh is asking the pupils to be at the church for 6:45pm. Wishing Lena, Robyn, Fiadh & Elsie the very best of luck as they celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Speech & Drama Exams: Mrs. O'Reilly has written the cost of the Speech & Drama Exams in the pupil's Speech & Drama copy. If your child is going ahead with their exams, fees are due before Tuesday, March 12th please.

Road Safety: please be mindful when dropping/picking up pupils in the car park, reverse into spaces when you can and please **don't park out on the main road**. The road is particularly busy out there at the moment and with the roadworks also going on, it really is very dangerous. We are hoping our Periodic Speed Limit, reducing the speed limit during drop off & pick up times, will be coming into action soon!!

World Book Day: tomorrow, March 7th is World Book Day. We will be holding some fun little activities in school and will also be joining classrooms up for some buddy reading. If the pupils wish to bring in their favourite book to read & chat about, they are more than welcome to. Each child will receive 2 x €1.50 book tokens to avail of 2 free books in participating shops.

Seachtain na Gaeilge: on March 21st we will be holding our Seachtain na Gaeilge 'Seó Faisean' (fashion show) in the school. We will kick off at 12pm and we would love if you would join us. We would like the children to bring in their chosen outfits this week so we can start working on it. The clothes will be staying here until the 21st so please make sure they won't be needing them before then! And for a little extra 'draíocht' (magic) and 'spréach' (sparkle) we are also asking the children to create a 'boinéad Cásca' (Easter bonnet) to wear on the day. So get the ribbons and glitter out and have some fun.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Just a reminder to dig out those costumes and get ready for March 17th. The theme for the Parade is "Sporting heroes and traditions". 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/guardian. The meeting point is outside Miltown National School at 2pm. Anyone unavailable & not coming on the float with us, please let us know asap.

Ennistymon Choral Society: 2nd - 6th class will attend the Ennistymon Musical 'Happy Days - A New Musical Comedy' on Monday, April 8th. The cost is €5 per pupil which the pupils can bring in before March 22nd and the Board of Management will kindly pay for the bus.

Internet Safety Class: As part of our Wellbeing drive this year, this Friday, 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 6:45pm

St. Patrick's Day Parade - meeting at Miltown NS at 2pm

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

Seó Faisean - March 21st at 12pm

Easter Holidays - closing at 12pm on Friday March 22nd & re-opening Monday April 8th

Ennistymon Musical - Monday, April 8th

Kind regards,

Nicola Sheehan ☺