



# Allen National School Newsletter

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## REMINDER

School will be closed next week on Monday June 2nd and Tuesday June 3rd (June Bank Holiday) and will close at 11:30am on Monday June 9th for staff training. Please note this closure has changed from Tuesday June 10th to facilitate 5th class pupils to participate in the Music Generation Kildare Concert.



Pupils across the school are engaging with their teachers and embracing coding lessons under the new Digital Skills Curriculum Programme. They are benefiting hugely from the new ipads recently purchased with funds raised by the PTA and the Witches and Wizards Walk. In the initial lessons, children are engaging with basic programming and are developing innovative and creative solutions to animate objects.

The curriculum supports the development of critical digital skills and problem solving, prepares pupils for future digital learning and fosters their growth as engaged global citizens. The pupils from junior infants to 6th class are learning to better understand the digital world and how they can become responsible digital citizens.

Each pupil has a unique password to access the learning resources. If your child does not have a password and you wish them to participate please contact Colette in the office.

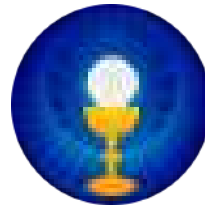
## End of year school reports

All end of year school reports will issue to parents on the Aladdin app on Friday June 14th. If you do not receive your child's report please contact the school office. If you/your family have specific requests in relation to the issuing of the report please contact the school office.



# First Holy Communion

**Congratulations to the girls and boys from second class who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Mass was celebrated by Fr Bryan and Fr Willie. Allen National School choir, led by Ms Ni Chaoimh and accompanied by one of our young musicians, Oisin Byrne, sang at the ceremony. The children received some treats from the parents and a candle from Ms. McDonagh and the school staff as a small memento of the day. The children and their parents left the church in glorious sunshine to continue the celebrations at home with their families.**





## Allen NS Football Success!

Congratulations to our Under 13 Girls and Under 10 Boys Football Teams who participated in the finals of our division in the Cumann na mBunscol football competition this week. The excitement was intense in the run up to the matches with friends of Allen NS turning out to decorate the village in support of the young teams.

The under 13 girls replayed their semi-final against Ballycane, on Monday last. It was a nail biting game in very poor weather conditions. Our girls remained determined, focused and strong to the final whistle and claimed their place in the final which took place on Wednesday in Moorefield. The opponents on the day were the girls from Rathcoffey. Again, supporters were treated to a very exciting game. Our girls displayed tremendous team effort, sportsmanship and raw talent in a fast-paced game. Alas, it wasn't to be their day and they missed out by a single point scored in the dying moments. Despite their disappointment, the girls congratulated the winning team setting such a good example to all their young supporters. We were so proud of them and their coaches Ms McEvoy and Ms McNamara.

We all went to McDonalds, where the Board of Management treated the girls to celebrate their great achievement of representing the school in the county final.



On Thursday, we were back again in Moorefield for the Boys Under 10 Final. This time we met Kilberry, Athy. Another very exciting match. Like the girls, the boys did us proud, playing some highly skilled football. They had a comfortable win and captains Lauren and Ava delivered a very emotional victory speech thanking their teammates, coaches, parents, Principal, Ballyteague volunteers and all the supporters who came out to the match.



Another opportunity for partying in McDonalds !! The Board was not found wanting and the boys and Ms McEvoy and Ms McNamara enjoyed Happy Meals and fizzy drinks before returning with their supporters to celebrate with local supporters in Allen and Kilmeague!

Huge thanks to all the families who came out to make this such a special and memorable occasion for the girls and the boys and who helped to hang the flags and bunting, made signs and took and shared photographs with us. We very much appreciate all your support.





Kindly brought to you by

*John W Cambridge*

## Student council hosting fundraising breakfast in support of ChildLine

The student council are organising a breakfast morning on Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>, to raise money for ChildLine and the Student Council. Childline gets an average of over 2000 calls per week from children seeking support. The organising committee ask that pupils bring a donation with them to school on Friday and they participate in our monster breakfast. Some of the funds will be used by the Student Council to purchase resources that children can play with while on yard. On Friday, pupils can wear their own sports gear to school. The Committee hope everyone will participate and will enjoy the breakfast and the day!

## PTA Previously Loved Uniform Sale

The PTA annual nearly new uniform sale will take place during the month of June – date will be confirmed in our next issue - if you have any nearly new or new uniforms you don't need any more, please donate to the PTA by dropping to the school office. There are always plenty of bargains at this sale so come early to avoid disappointment.

## School Tours 2025

Class	Date	Location
Junior & Senior Infants	Thurs 26th June	Lullymore Heritage Park
1st Class & 2nd Class	Wed 25th June	Bog of Allen Nature Centre & Lullymore Heritage Park
3rd Class & 4th Class	Mon 16th June	Rockfield House, Kells
5th Class & 6th Class	Tues 24th June	Go Quest, Carrickmines

We were very conscious of the price this year and the Board of Management requested Class Teachers to apply a cap of €30 per pupil to their tours. Prices include entrants fee and bus. Parents have been notified of entry prices. Please ensure your child brings a packed snack, lunch and drinks and some treats are allowed!! Payment is by electronic transfer via Aladdin Payments. By paying you are giving consent for your child to go on the tour.

# Know your flowers



**Dahlia**

perennial plant – native to Mexico and Central America



**Begonia**

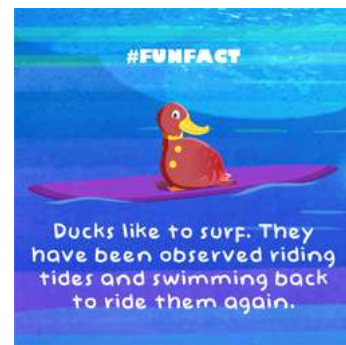
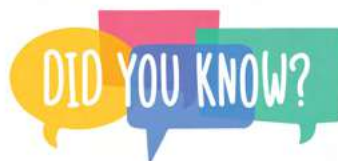
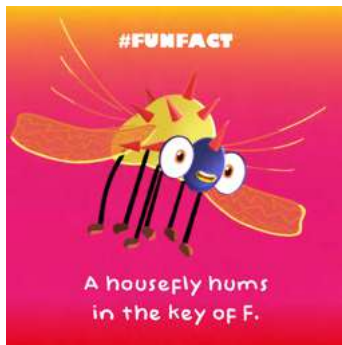
perennial plant – native to moist subtropical and tropical climates



**Pansy**

short-lived perennial plant grown as annuals – native to Europe and Western Asia

BEFORE MAY ENDS  
Take a moment to honor  
all your wins – big and small,  
loud and quiet. Each one shaped  
you and moved you forward.  
Celebrate your strength.  
Appreciate how far you've come.  
So proud of you – keep going.  
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