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Important Dates to remember:

The school closes tomorrow, **Tues 27th June at 12.25pm** for the Summer Holidays and will re-open for students on **Wednesday 30th August**.

The school office will be open from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm on **Wed 28th & Thurs 29th June and also on Mon 3rd, Tues 4th and Wed 5th July**.

The office will then close for the summer and will re-open on **Thursday August 24th**

A Word of Thanks

Thanks very sincerely to the members of the Board of Management and the Parents' Association for their wonderful support, guidance and assistance over the course of this school year. On Wednesday June 21st, the BoM and the Parents' Association had a short meeting together to review the Child Protection and Anti-Bullying Policies and to receive a Literacy and Numeracy Report. Mr. Packie Mc Adam, Chairperson of the BoM thanked the members of the Parents' Association for their consistent support of the school throughout the year. Refreshments were served afterwards and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Sixth Class Graduation

We said farewell to our wonderful 6th class pupils on Thursday, June 15th at their special graduation ceremony. The sixth class teachers, Mrs Coyle and Miss Holland prepared a very special evening for us all. The girls presented a beautiful Prayer Service and four very professionally performed songs. They were each presented with a graduation photo to keep as a memoir of their time in our school. They will also receive a customised autograph book and pen before they leave. A special thank you to our Chaplain, Fr. Stephen Duffy and the very large number of parents who attended on the night, to Mrs Patricia Mc Elwain and Mr. David Mc Cague who helped serve the tea and to all the staff members who helped out in so many ways to make this event as special as it was. Thanks also to Ms Mullen, Mrs Dowd, Mrs. Dunlop and to our caretaker Stephen for all their assistance. We would like to wish our sixth class girls every success and happiness in their new schools in September, and to thank them all for the great contribution they have made to our school over the years since second class and the special memories they have created for the entire school community.



Raising our Healthy Flag

We are very proud to announce that we have secured the status of a Health Promoting School! In a special ceremony held on Friday last, June 16th, we gathered in the hall for an assembly organised by the Health Promoting Schools' Committee. In attendance were members of the Board of Management, the Parents' Association and Ms. Monica McCrory, Health Promoting Schools' Coordinator with the HSE. Two former members of the committee were also in attendance, Grania Curran and Gabija Ragaliauskaite. Special guest of honour was Ms. Cathy McKenna, past-pupil and winner of the Great Irish Bake-Off 2016. Cathy was invited by the committee to raise the Health Promoting Schools' Flag as she has made an enormous contribution towards the promotion of healthy eating among our pupils..

Ms Bernie Farrell, welcomed all present and thanked the committee, in particular Ms. Róisín Treanor and Ms. Anne Brady, the two teachers who have steered this project, for their tireless work and commitment over the past two years. The committee members gave an account of the steps involved in the school's journey towards achieving the flag.

Then everyone gathered on the front lawn to watch Cathy raise the yellow and white flag to a chorus of rousing cheers and a rendition of the "Friends Medley" from all the pupils. Monica McCrory presented a framed copy of the HPS Certificate to Ms. Treanor and Ms. Brady, thanking them, the committee and the whole school community for embracing the initiative. Afterwards, refreshments were served to the adults in the staffroom, while the children got a lovely healthy treat in their classrooms, followed by a disco in the school yard. The school is very grateful to the management and staff of Tesco, Monaghan, for sponsoring a mouth-watering array of fruit and vegetables for the occasion.

The HPS Committee members are: pupils Kelly Croarkin, Orlaith McNally, Rhiain Ronaghan, Hannah Pourani, Daisy Walker, Amina Gecaite and Leah Ward; and two parent reps, Fiona O'Gara and Margaret McCullough.



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Sporting Activities

Athletics Team Win the County Shield!

Congratulations to our fantastic Athletics Squad on winning the shield at the County Primary Schools' Track and Field Competition for best school in the Girls' Large Schools' category. The team members are Caragh Donnelly, Katie Mc Mahon, Julija Farenuke, Ava Murphy, Daisy Walker, Niamh Mc Elwain, Jeanette Etungano, Ernesta Marut, Aoife Fitzgerald, Shindara Oluwasokale, Laoise Ronaghan, Klara Kiarautyte, Samanta Gervickaite, Jessica Leane and Nicole Karlaite. This event took place on Monday 12th June at the Peace Link Athletics Grounds in Clones. Many thanks to Mrs Hannon and Miss Brady who did an excellent job of coaching the girls and to all the parents who turned up to support us on the night. Well done, girls !



National Bike Week Events

Four of our 5th class girls: Victoria Sherry, Aoife O'Gara, Neeharika Vive and Rhiain Ronaghan were chosen to represent the school at the joint Launch of the Ulster Canal Greenway and the Launch of National Bike Week 2017. The event took place on Friday, 2nd June at the Monument across from Grahams. Mrs Hannon accompanied the girls on a cycle along the Greenway as far as the monument, where they had their photograph taken for the Northern Standard and received goody bags from Monaghan Sports Partnership

Bike Week itself ran from 10th to 18th June. On Friday 16th, Gabriel Bell of Emyvale Cycling Club delivered a talk on Bike Safety to our two sixth classes. Afterwards, Gabriel and Miss O'Reilly took a group of nine girls for a cycle down the Greenway. On their return, the girls each received a certificate, sports bag and bottle of water. We are grateful to Monaghan Sports Partnership for offering this activity to our pupils.



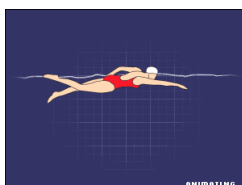
Tennis

The six week tennis coaching sessions for 3rd to 6th class ended a few weeks ago. Thanks very much to Gary Rodriguez for sharing his expertise and being a really good coach.



Swimming Success

Congratulations to Hannah Sheridan, 5th class, who travelled to Ballymena to represent St. Louis GNS in the Ulster Schools' Swimming Competition on Saturday, May 20th. Hannah came 4th place in the back crawl and 3rd place in the front crawl. Well done also to two of our 2nd class girls, Eimear Duffy and Ava Murphy, who represented the school at a Swimming Gala in the Coral Leisure Centre on Saturday June 17th. Eimear won two silver medals for the front crawl and breaststroke, while Ava took bronze in the front crawl.



Gaelic Blitz

A team of 3rd and 4th class girls took part in a football blitz on Wednesday 31st May in the Monaghan Harps GAA grounds. They played three games, winning each decisively. The girls also got the opportunity to meet Monaghan County Goalkeeper, Rory Beggan, and got their photo taken with him. Congratulations girls and sincere thanks to Miss McNally for coaching the squad. There is definitely a bright future ahead for this St. Louis team! **Team members are:**

Rhianna Mc Kenna Bell, Armin Zainab, Natalie Connolly, Niamh McElwain, Daisy Walker, Lauren & Leah Ward, Emma McCann, Aoife Fitzgerald, Ella Lappin, Aoife Devlin, and Mahnoor Imran.

Water ladies: Leah Cawley & Klaudia Kaczor



Handball Finals

Throughout the month of May Mrs Hannon ran a Handball Competition for all our classes. She invited Martin McEntee of Monaghan Harps to come to the school on Wednesday 7th June to referee the final in each class. The whole school gathered to watch the nine matches, some of which had really nail-biting finishes. The nine winners and runners-up were presented with prizes by Martin.

Winners were: Ava Murphy, Julija Farenuke, Rhianna Mc Kenna Bell, Ernesta Marut, Mahnoor Imran, Niamh Mc Elwain, Mia Doran, Nimisha Reji, Caitlin Finnegan & Jessica Leane



Sports Day

Sports Day was held this year on Wednesday 31st May which luckily turned out to be a beautiful, sunny day. Organised by Mrs Hannon and Ms. O'Reilly, the activities were arranged in a series of stations including a bouncy castle, disco, soccer skills, "Go Noodle" dance, basketball, hula-hooping, javelin throwing and of course the traditional long jump and sack/egg and spoon races. We are very grateful to John Crudden of the FAI who provided coaches to man the two soccer stations. The girls thoroughly enjoyed moving from station to station throughout the morning. During their lunch break, they were treated to ice lollies, then it was back outside again for tennis lessons, handball practice and some classes took to the Greenway for an afternoon stroll. Well done to Mrs Hannon and Ms O'Reilly and special thanks to the 6th class girls who helped run some of the stations: Amanda Smarkova, Klara Kiarautyte, Stephanie Gaffney and Ivona Lebed.

Student Council Assembly

The Student Council members have been very busy over the past few weeks. They produced their own newsletter which was sent home last Friday: and they also worked with Mrs Farrell on a special assembly which they presented to the whole school. The girls had prepared a brief synopsis of the history of our school and its St. Louis heritage and they explained the symbols on the famous St. Louis Crest. The assembly concluded with a short prayer service in thanks for the school year which is ending and asking God's blessing on us all during our summer break.

Condolences

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Juste Audiejaityte, 6th class: to Juste, her brother and her mother, Loreta, on the recent death of Juste's father, Richardas. May he rest in Peace.



Attendance Awards

At the end of the Student Council Assembly, on Friday last, our Family-School Liaison Officer, David McCague, presented the Annual Attendance Awards. Two girls, Hazel O'Donoghue & Jessica McDonald received certificates for improved attendance, while 17 girls were presented with certificates for unbroken attendance over the 2016/17 academic year. These girls, who didn't miss a day all year, are: Patrycja Stanaszek, Demi O' Leary, Eimear Duffy, Vytaute Kmitaite, Ava Murphy, Ava Hall, Shindara Oluwasokale, Amina Gecaite, Kaitlyn O' Leary, Melisa Rutkauskas, Gloria Marut, Paulina Zurawska, Aoife Fitzgerald, Ava Mc Glone, Hannah Sheridan, Wiktorja Stanaszek & Orla Sherry.

We are very grateful to David for his ongoing efforts to promote good attendance and punctuality in our school.



Monaghan Health & Wellness Fair

Our two fifth classes had the good fortune to be invited to the first ever Monaghan Health Fair, held in The Diamond on Friday 2nd June. The girls took part in a work-out fitness routine, facilitated by staff from the Coral Leisure Centre and also engaged in a mindfulness session with Mairead Flynn.

Many of our pupils had taken part in a poster competition, organised by The Community Food Initiative, in the week leading up to the Fair. Congratulations to Amanda Smarkova, 6th class who won a prize in this competition and who attended the Fair for her presentation.

The day was deemed to be a great success by all involved.



Pizza Baps



1 brown or white baps	2oz/50g low-fat grated cheese	Diced cubes of red/green pepper
1 tomato thinly slices	2 mushroom	
1/2 onion sliced		

(Healthy Recipe courtesy of the ATP)

Ingredients

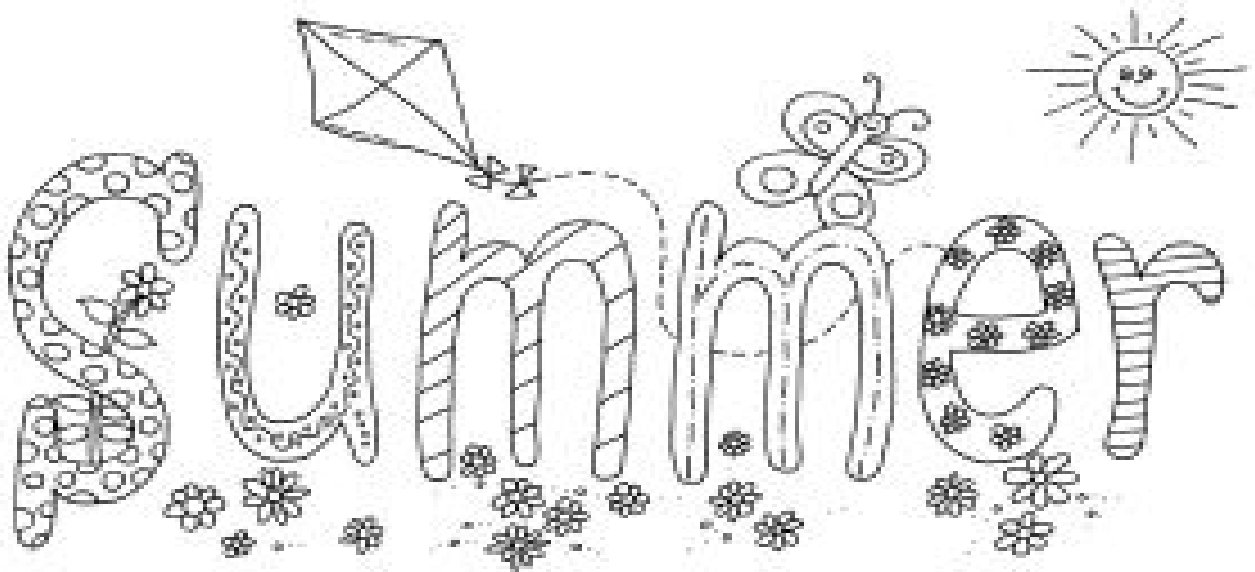
- Lightly brown the bap under the grill until softened and warm, then cut in half
- Cook onion in a little oil in a frying pan and add the sliced mushrooms and diced pepper if desired
- Slice tomato thinly and arrange on the two sides of the bap and pop onions and mushrooms on top
- Sprinkle the grated cheese on top
- Bake in a preheated oven 180c or grill till golden brown for a few minutes

Calendar for School Year 2017/2018

- School opening—Wednesday 30th August
- Halloween Midterm—Closing Friday 27th Oct, re-opening Monday 6th Nov
- Christmas Holidays - Closing Friday 22nd Dec, re-opening Monday 8th Jan
- Mid-term Break—Closed Thursday 15th & Friday 16th February
- St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday—Monday 19th March
- Easter Holidays—Closing Friday 23rd March, re-opening Monday 9th April
- May Bank Holiday—Monday 7th May
- June Bank Holiday - Monday 4th June
- Closing for Summer - Friday 22nd June

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