



## Newsletter May 9<sup>th</sup> 2023



### **Dates to Remember**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – School closed at 12 for staff training on new primary curriculum framework.**

### **Creative Cluster Initiative**

The School is taking part in a Creative Cluster Project. Our first project will be to work with a local artist named Eilish Mclhnerney who will be assisting us in creating a mosaic that will be on display on the school.

We are collecting materials that will be used for the mosaic.

We would appreciate it if children and parents are willing to donate colourful ceramics i.e. old cups, plates, tiles & glass. Old costume jewellery is also suitable.

As we are aware that this could be potentially a health and safety issue it would be great if parents can drop off donations to the school themselves or to send in same in a safe container that will be returned to you.

You know your own child best and any item that may potentially be a safety hazard to them or others is best to be sent in directly by the parent. Children can bring in old jewellery, tiles etc.

**Thank you.**

## Restorative Practice

This year we have incorporated a restorative approach into our interactions with pupils when dealing with any conflict both on and off the yard.

To be brief, in describing this approach, below is a simple description of a traditional approach vs a restorative approach.

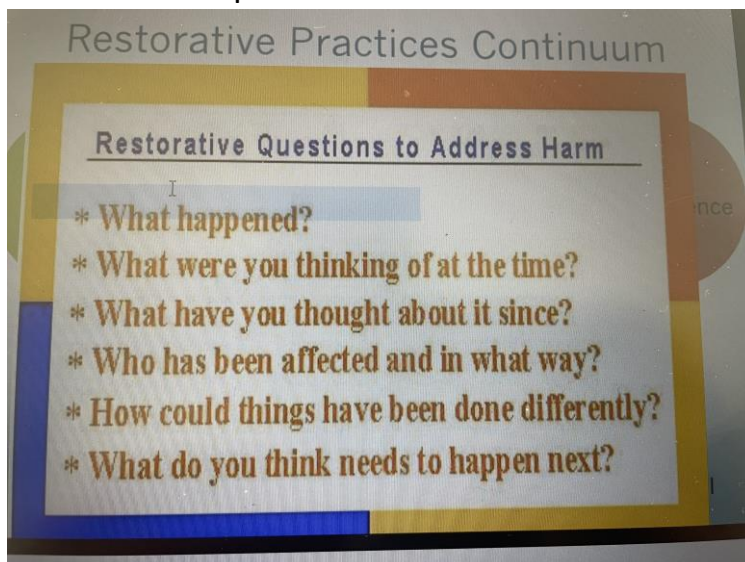
### *Traditional approach*

- Rules broken?
- Who to blame?
- How to punish?

### *Restorative approach*

- Story?
- What harm?
- How to repair?

These are the questions we ask children when an issue arises.



All research points in the direction that a restorative approach supports children in reflecting on their behaviors, learning to understand the harm it causes and becoming part of the solution. This approach is one we have fostered over recent years, however, this year we have started to formalise the language we use and the steps we take when dealing with conflict, behaviours of concern.

### Junior Achievement

Sixth class will take part in the Junior Achievement programme this month. In our efforts to work with our local community we have invited Medtronic to deliver a programme to Ms. Lavelle's sixth class. The class will take part in the power of design programme. This programme highlights to the pupils the importance of design in the day -to -day life and the career opportunities in this field.



It's National Bike week next week. May 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>. – Please see link below for events that may be of interest.

<https://www.transportforireland.ie/getting-around/by-bicycle/bikeweek/galway/>



## Cumann Na mBunscol

Roinn A 15 a side Thursday 10 am - Oranmore Community Pitch



Best of luck to our school football team boys who are competing in the first round of Cumann na mBunscol competition on Thursday. – Below are teams competing on Thursday.

Killeeneen, Oranmore Boys, Corrandulla, Carnmore

**Local Schools  
Quiz Night**  
**May 17th at 6.30pm**  
until 8pm

**All Oranmore-Maree School  
Children (3rd-6th classes) are  
invited to a TABLE QUIZ @  
Calasanctius College**

Entry is only €2.50 per child & a maximum  
of 5 players per table.

Tuck-shop on the night.

This is a **CASH ONLY** event.

**\*\*Parental supervision is required\*\***

This community event is hosted by  
Scoil Mhuire Parents Association

Your son may be interested in entering the Table Quiz above.