***February Circular 2024***

Dear Parent/Guardian,

***Credit Union Quiz:*** The first round of the Credit Union quiz took place in Knockranny House Hotel on Friday 26th January. Congratulations to both our senior teams and junior team who came first and second respectively in their competitions. Well done to Ruairi O’Neill, Archie Napthine, Gabriel O’Halloran McAleer, Conor O’Brien and Caolan Casey, Cormac Curran, Rian Kearns, Danny Scanlon, Harry Kelly and Lewis Commons King – Senior Teams, Ben McLoughlin, Dylan Lavelle, Shane McTaggart, Cian O’Neill and Seánie Meaney – Junior Team for representing the school so well and for all their efforts in preparing for the quiz and for representing the school. They will progress to the next round on Sunday 3rd March in Knockranny House Hotel. We wish both teams the very best of luck.

***World Book Week Celebrations – 4th March to 7th March 2024:*** We will celebrate **World Book Week** from **Monday 4th to Friday 7th March**. Pupils can dress up as their **favourite book character** on**Thursday 7th March**.

**Bring a book, buy a book** will take place on **Tuesday 5th March.** Please donate a book to the school library and bring in €2 to buy a book. All money raised will go towards the purchase of new books for our school library.

If you have any old books at home and wish to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. A huge thank you to Ms Barrett for organising all the events for World Book Week. Please check out our school Facebook page for updates.

***Traffic Management*** In recent days there have been a number of traffic jams on the roundabout. We ask you all to please be mindful of **NO PARKING** in the school entrance and please **DO NOT PARK** immediately outside the school gates as this hinders the flow of traffic. Please drop and go at roundabout and if pulling in please ensure you are tight to the path. We need to ensure that we have free movement around the roundabout and especially when exiting the school. As always, we ask for your co-operation and support in ensuring that all our families arrive and leave our school grounds safely each day.

**School Closure** Please note school will be closed on **Friday, March 8th** as it has been requisitioned as a polling centre for the Referendum on Family and Care.

***FAI Soccer*** Congratulations to our boys soccer team who represented the school in the FAI Schools Primary 5 a side soccer tournament last Tuesday in United Park, Westport.

***PA Table Quiz*** Our Parents Association are organising a table quiz fundraiser for the school on **Friday 8th March at 8.30pm in The Helm**. All welcome!!

***GAA Coaching*** Our club development Officer Joe O’Grady will be with us each Wednesday for the coming months coaching classes from Junior Infants to 4th class. Joe will promote a fun based approach with a focus on skill and fundamental movement development. We wish Joe well in his new role and are very appreciative to all at Westport GAA for their ongoing support.

***School Website*** Please visit our school website regularly to find out about school activities. The website address is www.quayschool.ie. You can also follow us on Facebook (@thequayschool).

***Seachtain na Gaeilge*** We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge in the school from the 11th to 15th of March. All classes will undertake a range of activities to promote our language and culture during the week. Activities will include games, poetry, songs and stories as Gaeilge with emphasis on the use of oral Irish throughout the school. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach éinne taitneamh as an ocáid!

***Cross Country*** Cross County training will take place on the Greenway, during break, every Friday for 2nd - 3rd class and every Wednesday for 4th - 6th class.

***Hurling/Camogie Team*** The boys and girls hurling/camogie team (4th, 5th & 6th) will train every day during lunch (weather permitting).

* Boys Mini 7’s Hurling competition 2024 – Thursday 14th March in Castlebar Mitchels
* Girls Mini 7’s Camogie competition 2024 – Wednesday 20th March in Castlebar Mitchels

**Dates for your diary:**

* School Closure Friday 8th March - Referendum
* School Closure Monday 18th March – Public Holiday
* Easter Holidays - School will close on Friday, 22nd March for the Easter Break and re-open on Monday, 8th April at the usual time
* FAI Primary Schools 5’s: Girls **Wednesday 10th April** in United Park, Westport

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Kevin Munnelly, Principal