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Eureka Science Quiz: Congratulations to Lachlan O' Shea 5th class who won the Irish Independent Eureka science competition before Christmas.

Green Schools: Congratulations to Luke, Aileen, Meseret, Odhran, Daire, Lucey, Éabha and Jamie who received special recognition for their work on behalf of the Green Schools initiative from the committee on Thursday the 21st of December. A Green Schools meeting was held at the school on Friday the 26th of January to discuss the application proposal for our 6th Green Flag on citizenship. Congratulations to Ellen Foley, 1st class who received the citizen of the month award for December and to Luke Costello, Junior Infants who received the award for January.

Swimming Lessons: Children from 1st to 6th classes attended the first of six swimming lessons in Killarney Leisure Centre on Wednesday the 10th of January. We wish to thank also all the parents who accompanied the children to the six classes.

Spikeball: A professional Spikeball coach attended the school and gave the first of three lessons to the students on Monday the 15th of January. Students from the senior classes attended a Spikeball Blitz in Killarney on Tuesday the 30th of January. They progressed to the semi-final of the competition. We are most grateful to Yvonne Griffin, Mary Foley and Katherine for transporting them to and supervising them at the event.

Castledrum BOM: held meetings at the school on Tuesday the 16th of January.

School policies/Curricular plans: The staff are currently working on the school's Child Safeguarding Statement. All school policies and plans are available to parents to view on request at the school.

Community Games: Students at the school participated in the Community Games writing competition held in January.

GAA: PJ Reidy/Tadhg McCarthy of the Kerry County Board with the help of Ian Foley are to give weekly coaching sessions at the school each Tuesday this term.

Health Promoting/Active Schools: A meeting of the Health Promoting/Active Schools Committee took place at the School on Wednesday the 24th of January. Active Schools' Week this year will take place at the school between Monday April the 23rd and Friday April the 27th.

Operation Transformation 10 at 10/Run a Mile: Children at the school engaged in the 10 at 10 and Run a Mile initiatives this term as part of a nationwide drive to encourage health and fitness in primary schools.

Castledrum Parents' Association: held a meeting at the school on Wednesday the 24th of January.

An Gaelbhrtach: Bhí cruinniú ag an gcoiste Déardaoin an 25ú Eanáir chun dul chun cinn an tógra a scrúdú. Tógadh cinneadh gradam míosa a bhronnadh ar an nGaeilgeoir is fearr sa scoil. Deineadh tuairimí do sheachtain na Gaeilge a phlé chomh maith le ionchur Gaelainne dos na Sacraimintí Eaglasta sa séipéal don bhliain 2018.

Credit Union Quiz: The annual Credit Union Quiz was held in Rathmore on Sunday the 28th of January. One U11 and one U13 team from the school participated in the event. Both teams performed very well with the U11's coming 3rd in their category. Congratulations and well done.

Catholic Schools' Week: was celebrated at the school between the 28th of January and 4th of February.

New Language Curriculum: The staff engaged in a full day Professional Development course on the revised Language Curriculum in Schools on Wednesday the 31st of January.

Internet Safety Day: was marked at the school on Tuesday the 6th of February.

Community Games: Results:

Art and Writing Competitions: Congratulations to all the children at the school who participated in the events listed below. A special congratulations to those who received additional recognition for their work.

Handwriting Competition: Girls U10, 2nd Roisín McCarthy. Boys U10, 2nd Ryan Costello/Daire McCarthy 3rd Eoin Mangan, 4th Odhran Kennedy. Girls U12, Winner Tara Ryan, Boys U12, 2nd Brien Mangan.

Art Competition: Girls U8, 4th Ella Power. Girls U10, 3rd Roisín McCarthy. Boys U8, 4th Odhran Myers O'Mahony.

Religion Inspector, School Visit: Sr. Noreen Quilter visited the school and spoke with all children in the various class levels on Monday the 12th of February.

Pancake Tuesday/Ash Wednesday: were marked at the school on Tuesday the 13th of February and on Wednesday the 14th of February.

Writing Competition: Children at the school participated in the An Post writing competition held during the month of February.

Reminder:TextaParent: have developed a new TextaParent App which enables the school to send messages at a much reduced rate via the app as opposed to sending a standard SMS message. Please download TextaParent to your smartphone as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Kerry Broadband: We are most grateful to Kerry Broadband for providing their services to the school free of charge.

Lee Strand Tokens: The school is currently collecting the Lee Strand Mighty Mikey milk tokens.

Remaining closures for 2017/2018 school year are as follows:

Monday the 19th of March.

Easter 2018: Friday the 23rd of March, school re-opens on Monday the 9th of April.

May Bank Holiday: Monday the 7th.

June Bank Holiday: Monday the 4th.

Summer Holidays: Friday the 22nd of June.

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