### Scoil na Coróine Mhuire Parents Association Newsletter May 2014

#### School Marathon Fundraiser - with Cake Sale

We are planning to hold a sponsored Marathon Relay race again this year – it was a very successful and enjoyable event last year. This event will be run by the children of our school and Athletic Club (AC). The race will be run at Ashford GAA Club on Saturday 17th May. On the day of the race, we will hold a Cake Sale, so we are asking you to please donate your home baking to the event. Sponsorship cards are available at the school.

#### **Barnardo's Parents Talk**

On May  $7^{th}$ , John Wills from Barnardos will give a talk on 'Internet Safety & Cyberbullying' to  $4^{th}$ ,  $5^{th}$  and  $6^{th}$  classes, he will then give this talk to parents on the evening of May  $7^{th}$ ; this will be open to <u>all</u> parents and guardians. This talk will take place in the school at 7.00pm.

#### **Holy Communion**

The Diocese and Church has changed how the First Holy Communion celebrations are being made in the parish. This year the First Holy Communion celebrations will take place over two weekends on a Saturday evening and Sunday morning. For our school, our two Second Classes will make their First Holy Communion at Mass on May 10th and 11th; and the following weekend on May 17th and 18th. As is tradition in our school, each year the parents of 3rd class host a celebration for the children and families back in our school hall. Celebrations are being held on Sunday 11th for children who make their First Holy Communion on 10th and 11th; and another the following Sunday for children who make their First Holy Communion on 17th and 18th. Each week, one of the 3rd classes will host the celebration. We need help from rest of the school to provide Home Baked goods for these events. We appreciate that there are two separate celebrations, and appreciate all the help that we can get.

The second weekend of the First Holy Communion celebrations is the same weekend as our Marathon Fundraiser, and so we will ask for baking for each event, and ask people to let us know which event they can bake for.

#### **Local Elections**

Our local area government elections take place this month, as is evident by the growing number of election posters in the area! This is a chance for us to talk to our local representatives, and we are asking that you please highlight our ongoing challenges with safety and parking outside our school. We are campaigning to have pedestrian crossings installed near the school, and a safe drop off area for children. We have strong support for these changes, and work has been done with Wicklow County Council, and this is our chance to give a strong message to our local representatives to get these changes actually made. Please watch out for a letter which you may give to your local representatives. Thank you for your support.

#### **RTE**

Ms Russell's Senior Infants recently had a visit from RTE for the TV Programme 'Sing Along'. This was broadcast on Saturday 19th April, and is still available on RTE Player (until July 29th) for viewing.

## **Diary Dates**



# Dear Parents/Guardians,

The following is a list of events for this term.

Barnardo's 'Internet Safety & Cyberbullying' – Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

School and Ashford AC Marathon Fundraiser – Cake Sale-Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am start

School Fun Run Day – Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>

Closer to the time of each event, more details will be given. If you would like to help with any of the above events please contact any of the Parents Association Committee Members.