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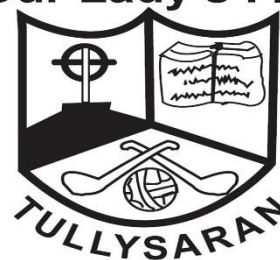
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10th October, 2019.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find the results of our end of year survey, from June 2019, overleaf.

On behalf of all the staff and Board of Governors I would like to thank everyone who responded to our survey and especially for the many positive comments received. It is clear from the feedback that our new website and afterschool activities have been beneficial additions to our school. There were many very positive responses about our website particularly in reference to the opportunity it provides the community to view photographs of the children in school. Other positive comments were in relation to the information available on the website including the school calendar. Our afterschool provision has also been viewed positively and we continue to offer a wide spectrum of activities to the children. We have already added two new clubs, our ICT Minecraft and Karate. I have included a selection of comments made by parents which hopefully provide an overview of the feedback we received from the questionnaire.

Over the past two years parents/guardians have suggested that the school should extend our 123 Club to 4 o'clock or even 4.30pm. In response to these suggestions we are going to trial a **4 o'clock Club** between Halloween and Christmas. The 4 o'clock Club will be available to all children from P1-P7. The children will receive a small snack at 3pm and then will be given time to work on their written homework. Even though the children will be given the opportunity to work on their homework it is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to check their child(ren)'s work and ensure that reading and spelling homework are also completed. The children will be allocated some free time to watch a programme or play games. Children attending 123 Club will be permitted to attend both the 123 and 4 o'clock clubs which will be supervised by Mrs Helen Gillespie and Mrs Joanne Kearney. The charge for the 4 o'clock club will be **£3 per day (P4-7)** which will include a small snack. **Children attending both clubs (123 & 4 o'clock) will be charged £6 per day.**

We will commence a trial run of the 4 o'clock Club from **Monday 4th November to Thursday 19th December.** We will monitor the number of children using the club each week to ensure that it is sustainable as we are not receiving any extra funding for the club. Please find a booking form for the 4 o'clock Club attached to this letter although you will be able to register your child for the club by phoning the school office.

Thank you once again for your comments and suggestions as we continue to work in partnership to deliver high standards of provision for all.

Many Thanks,

Tomás Mc Kee

(Principal)



END OF YEAR SURVEY – 2018/19

No.	Questions/Comments	Please circle Yes or No	
1a.	<i>This year we have set up a new website to improve communication with parents and celebrate the children's learning experiences and achievements. Have you viewed our new school website this year?</i>	Yes 96%	No 4%
1b.	Have you downloaded the school website app?	Yes 84%	No 16%
1c.	If you have viewed the website or downloaded the app have you found the Latest News items and other information on the website beneficial?	Yes 100%	No 0%
Selected Comments:			
<i>'Linking the school calendar to our personal calendars has been very helpful.'</i> <i>'It is wonderful to view the photos of the children engaging in activities.'</i> <i>'All the information is very informative, up to date and easy to access.'</i>			
2a.	Over the course of the year we have offered a variety of parents' events to further inform and assist you with helping your child at school including: Class Information evening at the beginning of the year, Foundation Stage Writing Workshop (Shared Education event in Drumsallen), Internet Safety Session (Shared Education event in Killylea), P7 STEM family evening (Shared Education event in Our Lady's), Sacramental Information evening for P4 & P7 parents and P6 Transfer Information evening. Did you attend any of these events?	Yes 80%	No 20%
2b.	Did you find it/them useful?	Yes 100%	No 0%
Selected Comments:			
<i>'Exceptional information delivered by professional staff showing commitment to the children's learning.'</i> <i>'The Foundation Stage Writing Workshop was excellent.'</i> <i>'Literacy class for Parents was very beneficial'.</i>			
3a.	We have continued to further extend our afterschool activities this year to include: gymnastics, cookery, Science and basketball. Has/Have your child(ren) attended any afterschool activities?	Yes 90%	No 10%
3b.	Has/Have they enjoyed the club(s)?	Yes 100%	No 0%
Selected Comments:			
<i>'Science club was a big hit.'</i> <i>'My son enjoyed the cookery club'.</i> <i>'My child enjoyed all the afterschool activities.'</i> <i>'Afterschool activities are excellent.'</i> <i>'Great variety throughout the year.'</i>			
4.	Selected further comments.		
<i>'I am grateful for the effective communication and appreciate that Our Lady's goes over and above to ensure education is maximised in all areas for the pupils.'</i> <i>'Thank you so much for providing such a positive primary school experience for our children.'</i> <i>'Our Lady's is a very warm and caring environment.'</i> <i>'Thank you for supporting our children.'</i> <i>'Communication is strong' '123 Club and Breakfast Club are a huge benefit to working parents.'</i>			



4 o'clock Club – Booking Form

I would like to pre-book the 4 o'clock club on the following day(s): -

Day	Child/Children's names	Class(es)
Mon		
Tues		
Wed		
Thurs		
Fri		

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return the booking form to the school ASAP.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. 4 o'clock Club is £3 per day. Children attending both 123 & 4 o'clock Clubs will be charged £6 per day. It is important that all children behave appropriately and are collected punctually. Thank you.

Reminder – 4 o'clock Club commences on Monday 4th November, 2019.