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Scoil Mhuire Lourdes
Mill Street, Tullow, Carlow.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,


♦ Art Appreciation: We have been busy putting together a Youtube Video to showcase all the wonderful talents we have in SML in Drama, Music, Dance and Visual Art. **We are asking families at home to get involved also by learning a short dance that Michaela Coleman has put together.** We would love for you to send us in a recording/clip of your daughter and the family performing it. A link to the music and video to the dance will be sent to you via email today and it will be on the school website. All clips of your family being creative can be sent to info@smltullow.ie to be included in our Art Appreciation Day showcase. Teachers and wider school community have also been getting involved so the pressure is on to see who has got the best dance moves!!

♦ Hampers: To support creativity in our school we are running an **Art Appreciation Day Competition**. There are 2 hampers full of creative materials up for grabs- one for the Junior School and one for the Senior School. If you want to be in with a chance of winning these hampers you can **buy a ticket from Fiona in the office for 50c. The draw will take place on the 18th June- get your name in to win!** (you can enter as many times as you want)

♦ Book bills: There are still outstanding book bills in the school from last year. I strongly urge you to pay as soon as possible. **Book bills for 2020-2021 must be paid by Friday 28th May** in order for books to be ordered by the school for next year.

♦ Uniform: Given that warmer weather is almost here, the children will no longer need to wear additional jackets/ hoodies in the classes over their uniform. Windows and doors will still be open at intervals during the school day as they would have been ordinarily at this time of year to allow for the circulation of air. **A reminder if you are purchasing uniforms for next year that the school uniform is:**

- **A green pinafore/skirt or grey trousers, a white shirt, green jumper and black footwear with green or white socks. The school tracksuit is navy with a white t-shirt and runners.**

♦ Covid 19: Please ensure to follow the public health advice in relation to keeping your family and our school safe. Please do not have play dates, parties or sleepovers which may compromise not only your family but also the wider school community. Please see overleaf for more advice. 

♦ Standardised Tests: As you know the children from 1st- 6th class completed their standardised tests in Mathematics and English recently. The children have done tremendously well this year in coping with all the changes which Covid 19 has brought to our lives. I want to reassure you that the **standardised tests are a snapshot of one particular area of learning**. They were not designed with a pandemic in mind and school closures. Therefore, they are not a true reflection of all the strides your child has made during the year. Well done to all for completing the tests this year- we are very proud of you!.

♦ Parents Association: Meeting on Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm online. It would be great to have each class represented and also to ensure that Parents voices are heard. For more info contact parentsassociation@smltullow.ie

♦ Active Schools Week: Will run from the 14th to the 18th June. Fun sporting and active activities have been planned for this week. Children will need to wear their tracksuit every day for the week.

♦ School Closure: School will be closed from **Thursday 3rd June to Monday 7th June(inclusive)**. School will reopen on Tuesday 8th June.

Signed:

Marie Coen (Principal)