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#### Mission Statement

*As a Catholic school, our mission is to develop the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual aspects of each child and encourage everyone to respect themselves and one another.*

*We value each person while working to provide a supportive environment for all pupils to learn and play in harmony together.*

29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents,

Ms. Megan Coyle will be teaching Junior Infants while Ms. Purcell is on maternity leave. I would like to extend Ms. Coyle a warm welcome and hope that she enjoys her work here with us.

Well done to all those who are walking, cycling or parking and striding to school on Wednesdays. When approaching the school from the village side, do make use of the path inside the school wall (i.e. use the lower gate) – it's safer. On the subject of safety, we are aware that traffic can become congested near the school at the beginning and end of the school day and we ask you to be careful and courteous when parking. If at all possible **please reverse into your parking space** so that you can drive forward on to the road when leaving and please leave space between your car and the front wall so that pupils won't need to walk near the road.

Congratulations to our runners who won medals earlier in the term at the Carlow Schools Cross Country at St. Laurence O'Toole's Athletic Club: Chloe Murphy (6<sup>th</sup> Class), Ava Thompson, Ruth Gardiner, Lucy Bolger, Amy Hanley (5<sup>th</sup>) and Molly Nolan (4<sup>th</sup>). Well done girls!

A big thank you to Seán Haughney and John McNally from Leighlinbridge GFC for coaching 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Classes after school before the weather and the dark evenings closed in. Football coaching is ongoing for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Classes with Johnny Nevin on Thursday mornings. Both 6<sup>th</sup> Class boys and girls will have taken part in indoor hurling blitzes before Christmas.

Congratulations again to our futsal (indoor soccer) team from 4<sup>th</sup> Class who won the futsal blitz in Bagenalstown recently: Kieran Collins, Jason Daly, Geoffrey Doran, Lorcan Galvin, P.J. Haughney, Patrick Roche, Ciarán Townsend and David Watkins. They beat the big town schools on their way to victory. Well done boys!

This week we are holding our annual anti-bullying week which is part of our strategy to help to prevent bullying. The pupils learn what bullying is, that it is forbidden in our school, that if bullying happens we speak out, that there are things we can do if we are being bullied and that bullying can happen anywhere, not just in school. It's important that everybody realises that there are strategies that we can teach our children to handle difficult situations when they arise.

Well done to all on our recent Monster March. A total of €4,180 was raised which is a great effort in difficult times. Speaking of such times, the teachers are very conscious of this and will be doing their best to help you to "manage expectations" in the run up to Christmas.

Please see attached leaflet re. the paper recycling bin. The bin is to the rear of the school and if you have anything for it you are welcome to add to it but please avoid this during class time and please ensure that it contains only newspapers, magazines etc. Thank you.

We will be recycling our collection of unclaimed clothes this Friday. Please claim immediately if you think some of them may be yours.

We will be holding a Carol Service for Christmas in the school in December. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>. We would love if you could come to share in our carols and encourage as many of you as possible to come on the Tuesday afternoon so that those who can only attend in the evening can come on Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal