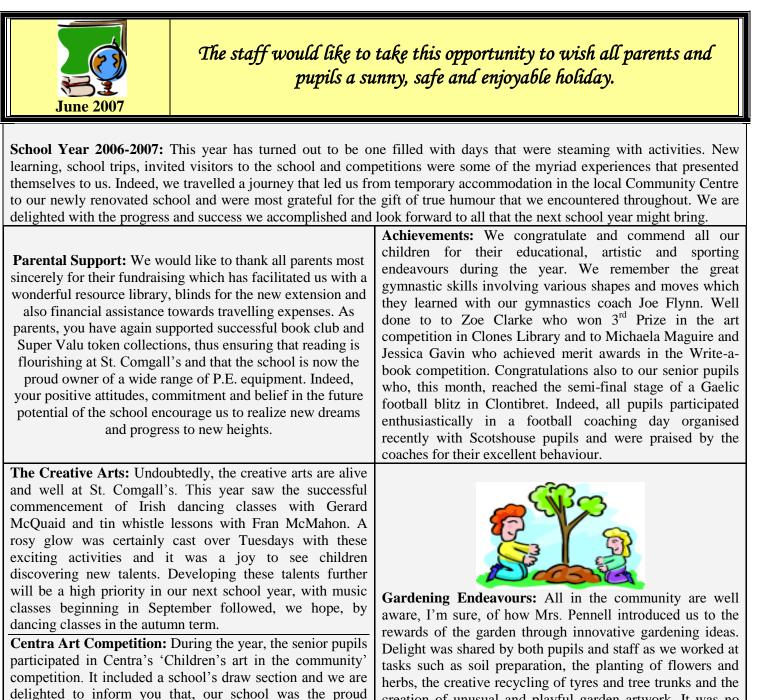
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winner of a school's artist hamper worth €500!

rewards of the garden through innovative gardening ideas. Delight was shared by both pupils and staff as we worked at tasks such as soil preparation, the planting of flowers and herbs, the creative recycling of tyres and tree trunks and the creation of unusual and playful garden artwork. It was no wonder then, that we were absolutely delighted with being awarded first prize in the 'School Planting Project', organised by 4Homes, Monaghan. The prize of a \notin 500 voucher from the store will be used to purchase garden furniture and shrubbery. And when our school site has been fenced and seeded during the holidays, we intend to explore further the world of plant and animal life with the introduction of wildlife and vegetable themes.

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School Play: We enjoyed another wonderful evening's School Tour: This year we headed to Kells for our school tour where the children learned about and took part in some entertainment before Christmas with the school's presentation of 'Baboushka'. The tremendous hard work put traditional farming activities, notably, turf cutting at the bog. into preparing for the play was evident in the children's This was followed by a trip to Grove Gardens where we confident performances on the night. Parents' help and encountered beautiful tropical birds and some zoo animals. All pupils, parents and teachers enjoyed a very exciting, support with the learning of lines, assistance with costumes and of course attendance on the night was very much energetic day! appreciated. Sports Day: On Monday last, June 25th 2007 we were Pastoral Care: Our thanks to staff, priests, pupils and fortunate enough to enjoy, a 'rain free' sport's day over in parents who were involved in the preparation of our pupils our local football pitch. Well done to all pupils for their for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and wholehearted participation and to Mrs. Pennell and Helen Confirmation. Particular thanks to those parents who cofor such a highly organised schedule of events. Suffice to ordinated the 'Do This in Memory' programme. say our new sport's day P.E. equipment purchased with the May I, on behalf of the whole school community, send our Super Valu tokens from was a terrific bonus. No end of best wishes to Canon McQuaid, as he celebrates his 40th prizes was distributed and everyone was a winner. Many Jubilee celebration as a priest. As Chairperson of the Board thanks to all parents who came along and cheered on our of Management, we thank him for his continued interest and efforts from the sideline. support of our work in the school.

A reminder that our altar servers have received a schedule of dates for serving at mass during the holidays. Should any child be away on an appointed Sunday, please ensure you make alternative arrangements for someone to serve in place of your child.

'Reminiscences': Our senior pupils were involved in the folklore/oral history project entitled 'Reminiscences' run by the Clones Erne East Partnership (CEEP). Material on life along the border and the history of ordinary life some forty/fifty years ago was researched and recorded in essay form by the children. They also wrote stories about a day in their lives, May 2007, and we look forward to these stories being placed in a time capsule in the new Connons stone chair when it is officially launched by the community.

Recycling: Our recycling initiatives with Century 21st have proved enormously successful. Funds raised have been directed towards the payment of teachers of the Arts who visit our school. We are eager to continue with this effort again next year.

Summer Break: The school will reopen at 9:20am on Monday 3rd September 2007. Happy holidays!



Catríona Donnelly (Principal)