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Meeting Date: 11/07/'24

- In September, the Education Welfare Officer will meet the school team to discuss how school attendance and education provision can be further supported for pupils with poor attendance.
- Standardised Drumcondra Reading and Mathematics assessment results were outlined to the BOM.
- School tours were very successful with pupils visiting many interesting places and engaging in a variety of activities.
- There will be an investment in Maths resources to support the implementation of the new Primary Maths Curriculum.
- Staff members have engaged in Nurture Room training to support pupils experiencing anxiety and school reluctance. This model of support will be trialed in the next school year.
- Congratulations to Monsignor Gearóid Dullea on his Silver Jubilee. Monsignor Gearóid works tirelessly to support the schools of the parish and Ballinlough community. A school parish mass was held to celebrate and thank the Monsignor. This was attended by the Communion classes of the parish schools.
- Congratulations to our assistance dog, Kali on her recent graduation from My Canine Companion. A Coin for Kali raised €691.20 for the My Canine Companion organization.
- Congratulations to our 6th class pupils on their recent graduation from St. Anthony's BNS. We wish this wonderful group of boys every happiness, health & success. Thank you for being such amazing boys and for all you have contributed to our school community. Thank you to Monsignor Gearóid for the beautiful blessing and to the P.A. for refreshments. The boys raised €2,131 for Breast Cancer Awareness which was presented to their representative at the graduation ceremony. Well done for being so thoughtful and charitable.
- This year, the school-based summer provision programme for pupils with complex needs will take place from July 1st -12th. Excursions to Fitzgerald Park and Ballincollig Park have been organized for the pupils.
- St. Anthony's BNS received the Green School's Flag for Sustaining Life. Thank you to the Green School's Team.
- A new sensory room on the ground floor close to Room 18 and Room 19 will be designed and furnished with specialist equipment over the summer. This will be a wonderful resource for our pupils.
- St. Anthony's BNS celebrated Active & Wellbeing week in June. This was a very enjoyable week for the school community with lots of fun activities organized by staff and visiting parents lending their expertise.

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- Best of luck to past-pupils Shane Kingston, Brian Hayes and Robbie Cotter who will represent Cork in the All-Ireland Hurling Final.
- Three pupils represented St. Anthony's at the 70th Cork City Sports 1 mile run. Thank you to teacher Anna Wickham for preparing and coaching the boys.
- St. Anthony's BNS will organize an open night in October for new pupils.
- Mr. Seán Lyons extended a huge thank you to the current members of the BOM and chairperson, Kieran Hastings for their dedication and hard work.
- The Board of Management thanked all the staff for their selflessness, professionalism and dedication to St. Anthony's BNS and wished all of the pupils of St. Anthony's BNS Community a very safe and happy Summer. The Board also thanked sincerely the huge support of all the parents and in particular the Parents' Association for helping to create wonderful memories through amazing events during the year.