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Dear Parents, Guardians and especially Students,

We hope you are all keeping well and that you are making the most of your time together.

St.Patrick's Day Pictures

Firstly can I say thank you to all parents who have sent in photographs of their St.Patrick's Day celebrations. It was lovely to see how much fun the children had and I look forward to sharing them all. Pictures are still coming so I will let you all know once it is published . Feel free to keep them coming!

Fire Remediation

I am delighted to say that since the school closure the Fire Remediation team of workers have been making significant progress, With the building now empty work can continue at a faster pace and a number of the classes are set to be completed within weeks.

Congratulations:

I am delighted to announce the lovely news that two of our 6th class students Alexandra and Anastasia Logovenko are the regional winners of Senior Primary Category of Green Schools Water poster competition. They have won a tablet computer and professionally mounted and framed copy of their poster.

I would also like to congratulate Sophia May winner of the community games Under 8's art competition and Natalia Wieteska who game third place in the handwriting competition. Well done and congratulations!

Distance Learning & A Note to the children:

Children I am sure you are making great progress in the work-packs provided to you and that you are looking forward to getting some new material. Please remember that these are not meant to be done all in one go. Also If you cannot do something don't worry highlight it and move on. Remember exercise and fresh air is so important ;as always we expect you to do your best work and put the effort in but remember to take regular active breaks in the fresh air, just like we do in school and remember to follow social distancing guidelines.

If we are notified that the schools will not open as planned on 30th March we intend that new material will be sent out in time for Monday March 30th. I will be in contact with you and your parents next week with more details on how it will be provided.

If you are finished the packs, consider being creative and working on your own initiative. It is rare that we get downtime to create, with all the after school activities cancelled now is a rare opportunity to get some creative juices flowing. Whether you decide to do some creative writing, to illustrate your own mini book , write a poem, make a movie, or try your hand at a song, perhaps create a dance or bake; we would be so excited to see what you are inspired to come up with by yourselves. This experience is new to all of us, so you might like to keep a diary of your daily experiences or perhaps a portfolio of artwork might reflect your experiences better. Now might be the time to research a topic you have always found personally interesting, a book report perhaps or challenge yourself to your own readathon. Reach out to some friends and try some of these ideas jointly. You will be surprised at what you can achieve once you set your mind to it.

Whatever you decide to do, do not spend hours on screens it is such a waste of time for you talented children.

It would be a lovely time to help out at home and have thought for your parents and grandparents. Many of your parents are trying to work from home so between your school work your outside breaks and your own creative time perhaps you could clean your bedroom, entertain your younger brothers and sisters or maybe even clean out that wardrobe!

In any event we do look forward to seeing you all again soon and we will be in touch.

A Thank you to Front Line Staff:

Finally on behalf of the school community of AETNS I would like to offer a sincere thank you to all those parents and relatives of parents that are part of the frontline team leading us through this difficult time. A huge thank you to the doctors and nurses, HSE staff, paramedics, hospital workers, home carers, care-home workers and those who are helping to keep our food stores and pharmacies open. We all owe you a huge debt of gratitude.

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