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A chara,

I hope you and your family are well and enjoying the fine sunny weather.

Sadly, today is Miss Kelly's last day teaching 3rd/4th Class. She only had 2 ½ weeks with the class before the school closure and was looking forward to a longer spell as their teacher, she has continued to teach remotely and is very impressed with the boys and girls in her class. She will be missed by the children and staff alike. I want to thank Ranal for all her hard work and we wish her all the best in the future. We welcome back Ms Hope who will be returning to the 'virtual' classroom from next week.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the day on which we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Bishop Denis decided to take this opportunity to record a message for those who are still waiting to celebrate Confirmation. You can watch the video on kandle.ie. Bishop Denis is asking them to do a number of things as they continue to get ready for their Confirmation whenever it will eventually happen;

- Watch the Video and listen to his message;
- Write him a letter or send him an email
- Decorate their Front Door for Pentecost
- Say a Prayer to the Holy Spirit
- Go to Mass on Livestream for the Feast of Pentecost

Last week, Healthy Offaly in conjunction with Offaly Sports Partnership launched "Offaly's Longest Day" project to promote health and physical activity in June and a €2,000 prize fund.

Primary and secondary school pupils can contact Offaly Sports Partnership from now to the end of May to express an interest in undertaking a 19-day physical activity challenge in the run up to the longest day on June 20th. Anyone wishing to take part can request an entry form and activity diary by emailing longestday@offalycoco.ie or call Eamonn Henry on 086 – 7948054.

As mentioned last week, tomorrow is a school holiday so I hope your child(ren) can enjoy a well-deserved break from schoolwork over the extra-long weekend. They have shown great patience, understanding and resilience over the past few weeks and we are very proud of the work they continue to complete for their teachers. Maith sibh buachaillí agus cailíní!

Finally, if you would like to discuss something with me or a teacher, please email the school so that this can be arranged.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Alan Plunkett and the teaching staff.