

April/May Newsletter

Summer Term Dates

May 3rd: School closed for public holiday

May 4th - 6th: Parent-Teacher meetings - please book on Aladdin Connect app by April 28th.

May 11th: Standardised testing: Literacy – see attached note on the revised testing materials for literacy and numeracy testing

May 14th: School closed for PLC Training and Staff Meeting. Please note this is a change from the original school calendar. Schools are allowed to close for a half-day training for the revised Primary Language Curriculum so it was felt that combining this with the half-day closure for the scheduled staff meeting and moving it to a Friday might be less disruptive for parents.

May 17th: Katie Desmond will be doing a teaching placement in 3rd class. She will be working with Ms. Sheahan who will be mentoring Katie during her time in Bandonbridge N.S.

May 18th/19th: Standardised testing: Numeracy

June 7th: School closed for public holiday

June 10th: End of year reports will be available to parents. Results of standardised testing will be found on end of year reports from 1st – 6th classes. An information sheet explaining the scoring system will be circulated to parents/guardians. Should you have any questions for the class teacher/support teacher regarding your child's results, there will be an opportunity to discuss this before the end of the school year.

Week beginning June 14th: Class Sports Days – children only, I'm afraid.

June 24th: School closes at 12:00 for summer holidays

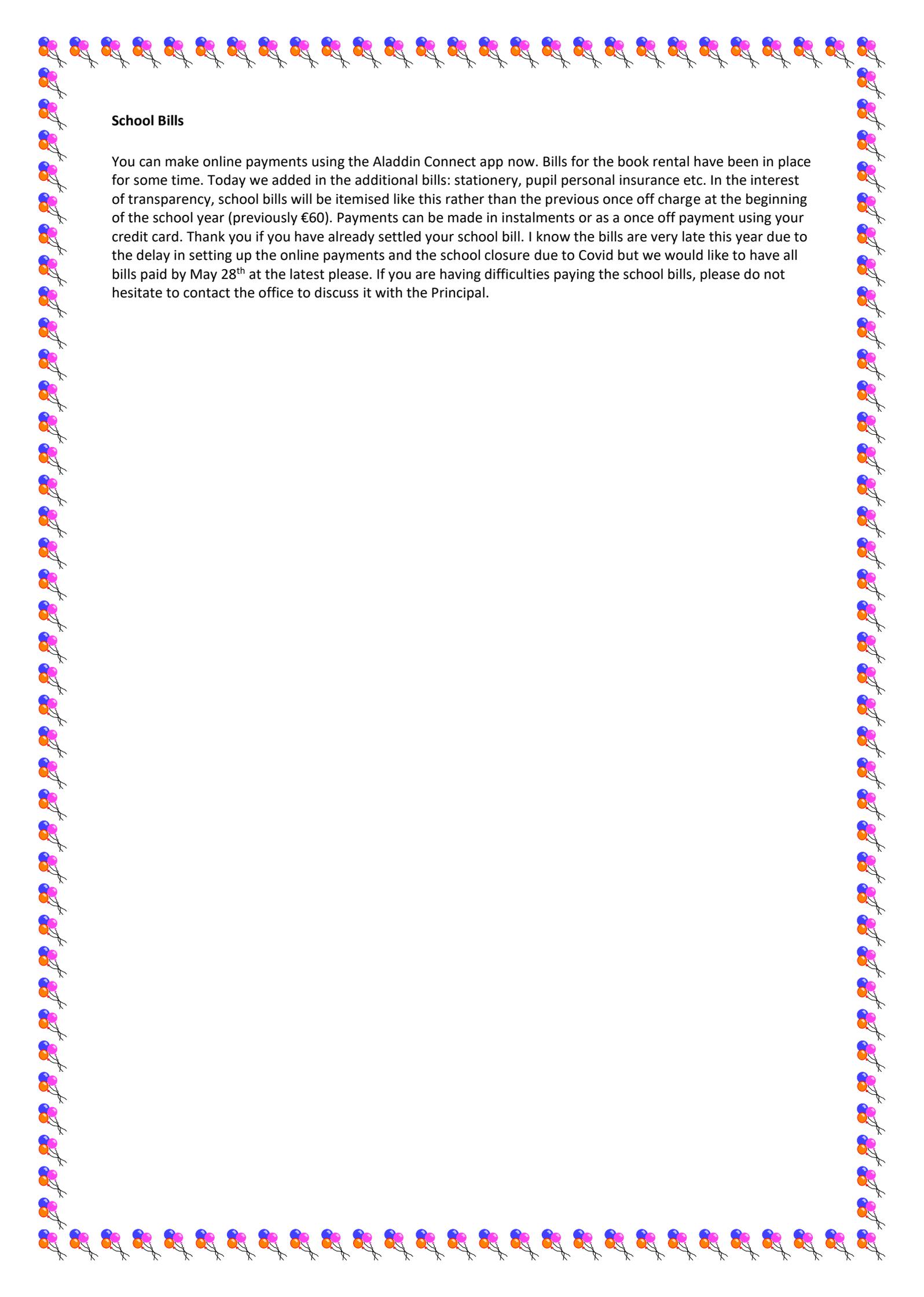
Junior Entrepreneur Programme

6th class pupils are busy with their JEP business. Having come up with their business proposals, the children presented their plans to the "Dragons" who had a really challenging job selecting just one – chocolate bars with customised wrappers. Since then, the class have been meeting remotely with the JEP coordinator and strategising on finalising the business. Shortly, we will be seeing posters advertising the chocolate and taking orders. We hope everyone will support their business by buying lots of chocolate. Keep an eye on our messaging services for further information.

Parent-Teacher meetings

Currently, class teachers and support teachers are sending Support Plans to relevant parents and meeting with them remotely. If your child receives additional support and you have not been contacted yet, keep an eye on communications from teachers. It is envisaged that all of these meetings will be completed by the end of April.

Parent-Teacher meeting for other pupils will take place after the May Day weekend. These meetings are available to view on Aladdin where you can book your time slot to speak to your child's teacher. For the most part, these meetings will be conducted over the phone rather than video call. This is due to the poor Internet connection in the school (no fibre broadband available here yet, sadly). However, teachers will endeavour to facilitate video calls if both parents wish to participate and cannot be in the same location due to work or personal commitments. If you have not booked your meeting yet, please do so as soon as possible.

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School Bills

You can make online payments using the Aladdin Connect app now. Bills for the book rental have been in place for some time. Today we added in the additional bills: stationery, pupil personal insurance etc. In the interest of transparency, school bills will be itemised like this rather than the previous once off charge at the beginning of the school year (previously €60). Payments can be made in instalments or as a once off payment using your credit card. Thank you if you have already settled your school bill. I know the bills are very late this year due to the delay in setting up the online payments and the school closure due to Covid but we would like to have all bills paid by May 28th at the latest please. If you are having difficulties paying the school bills, please do not hesitate to contact the office to discuss it with the Principal.