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Europe Day, 9th April 2013

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Dear Parents/Guardians

On Thursday May 9th we are celebrating Europe Day as part of our Blue Star Flag Application.

We have invited dignitaries, newspapers and RTE to the school to mark the occasion.

To make it a success, we need YOUR help!

We are hoping to make it a whole school experience!

Generations @schools:

We need volunteers of different generations from all around Europe (including Ireland!). Volunteers are asked to come in and speak to the class about their childhood, growing up in a different town/country, discuss food and hobbies and traditional songs from their childhood. Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents are invited to come in. If you have an elderly neighbour or friend who would be interested in sharing their story we would be delighted for them to visit.

We hope this will all happen on 9th of May from 8.30am – 9.30am.

European Union:

There are 27 countries in the European Union! These countries are Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

We need to represent all these countries!

Children in all classes are working on individual and group projects about these countries. They are learning about monuments, landmarks, composers, artists, traditions, cultures, folklore and history of the countries. All projects will be displayed for parents and visitors to view on Europe Day.

If you have any photos, postcards, music, stories, traditional clothes, ornaments, decorations, artefacts, rhymes, folklore from any of these countries that you would like to share with us, we would be thrilled to add them to our projects. You can type up information, send in music, powerpoint presentations, come in and speak to us...anything that you think would be relevant!

Student Council will be giving tours to all visitors. Senior Class will be available to introduce the variety of projects and answer any questions guests may have. **We hope this will all happen on 9th of May from 12noon – 1pm.**

A Taste of the European Union:

We are also hoping to have a sample of traditional food from each of the 27 European countries. We would appreciate if you could volunteer to create a dish. Parents are welcome to create dishes from their native

countries if they wish, however we would appreciate if you would participate by cooking a dish from an assigned country! We would rather have one dish from each country rather than have 10 dishes for one country and none for another.

For example:

Ireland: Simple meat dishes and boiled vegetables such as the potato, carrot, turnip and parsnip form the principal ingredients of traditional Irish cooking.

Austria: Austrian specialities such as *Wiener Schnitzel* and *Apfelstrudel* have become international dishes which need no translation.

We will provide parents with taste cards with a variety of different ideas!

We hope all food will be in the school & ready for tasting 9th of May from 12noon – 1pm.

Please complete volunteer form below if you can assist us in any way.

Kind regards,

Helena Regan (Principal)

Child's Name: _____ Parent's Name: _____

Please tick:

Generations @ schools. I can come in to speak to classes about my child hood / growing up.

Country I grew up in was _____.

Generations @ schools. I can arrange for a friend/relative to speak to classes about their child hood

Country friend/relative grew up in was _____.

I have items from Europe that I wish to share with the school for Europe Day.

These items are from (please list countries): _____

I volunteer to cook/bake/bring a European dish for Europe Day. My preferred country to cater for is _____.

If you have any suggestions of other activities we could do to celebrate Europe Day or if is there anything else you would like to contribute to Europe Day please let us know below!

THANKS AGAIN, FOR ALL YOU DO! YOUR HELP & SUPPORT MAKES EVENTS SUCH AS EUROPE DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!