Dear Parent/Guardian

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 we are unable to hold our usual fundraising events and the financial allocation from the Department of Education often falls short of what is needed in order to provide all of the pupils here at Our Lady of Lourdes with the best resources and educational experience. As we were unable to run some of our fundraising events over the last year it has resulted in our school fund account being seriously depleted. In the past, money raised has gone to purchase a range of items such as additions to the school’s technology resources, playground equipment, special needs items, subsidising transport costs for school trips and sporting fixtures as well as extra PPE materials to continue to ensure that everyone in our school community is safe.

With this in mind, we are going to hold an ‘Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School virtual run / walk / cycle to Lourdes in France’ from the 29th March – 4th April covering a total distance of 2021 km with all proceeds being donated in aid of school funds and Trócaire. You can donate to the JustGiving link on Our Lady of Lourdes PS Greencastle Facebook or Twitter page.

Taking part is very straightforward:

* Anyone from all around the world can take part (this is not just for the school children).
* Walk/jog/run/cycle whatever distance you like.
* Log your distance by using a smartphone or smart watch, (you can use apps such as Strava, Map My Run, Nike Run Club, Garmin Run) – simply take a picture of the distance that you/your family have covered and send it into Our Lady of Lourdes Greencastle Facebook or Twitter page, so we can record the distances covered as we have to collectively get 2021 km.

It is vitally important that everyone obeys government guidelines on social distancing. There will be no designated paths set out. The safety of our community is paramount and so we would kindly ask people to use the footpaths where possible.

If you need any further clarity please contact the school on 028 8164 8732

If you would like to donate, please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ourladyoflourdes-primaryschool?utm_term=K8D7kWD3Z>

Many thanks,

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School