

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



February 2015

*Tabhair Maith agus
Geobhair Maith
School Motto*

Sacraments

Our second class pupils will make their First Confession on Tuesday 3rd March in Ahane Church at 7.30pm. Sixth Class are now busy preparing for their Confirmation which will take place on the 25th April at 11am.

Indoor Hurling

Congratulations to our 4th class boys who were victorious in round 1 of the indoor hurling league in Caherconlish. Our girls team will play next week. Well done to all the boys and girls who have worked very hard in training.

Fourth Class Futsal

The boys and girls from 4th class participated in a futsal competition in Galvone Youth Centre last week. They did themselves and their school proud. They showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout. Both of the girls teams won their group while one of the boys teams was victorious also.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the credit union quiz. Our U-11 team came second place in their category while our u-13 teams came first and second. They now progress to the next stage at the end of the month. We wish them the best of luck.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

This term our 5th class pupils are learning all about what it is to be an entrepreneur. This innovative programme opens the minds of primary school pupils., to the joy of entrepreneurship at a time in their lives when they are full of imagination and open to new possibilities. The children have learned many skills so far and have had visits from local entrepreneurs, Richard Roche and Kevin Donellan who told them all about how to start up a business on their own. The children then came up with several enterprising ideas and presented them to the Dragons in a 'Dragons Den' style event.

Continued....



Grandparents' Day 2015

They then voted for their favourite idea which was children's fitness DVD. The children are now working on the designing, producing, marketing and selling phase of their product. Many thanks to Richie Clifford for working with the children on different aerobic routines and to Pat Shortt who is educating the children all about film making and helping them to produce their DVD. The whole process is a unique and very worthwhile learning experience for the children and we hope you will show your support by purchasing the finished product in a couple of weeks.

Food Dudes Programme

As you aware this term we are participating in the Food Dudes Healthy Eating Programme. Our aim is to encourage children to eat more fruit and veg. Health experts recommend that children should eat at least five portions of fruit and veg each day. We hope it will result in health benefits for all who participate.

Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools week took place recently. We celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday 6th February. We paid tribute to the role grandparents play in the lives of the children. Many grandparents from junior and senior infants visited the school. It was an opportunity to visit the classroom and see their grandchildren's work. Afterwards they enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat in the hall. It was a really lovely occasion.

Drop Everything and Move

Since we have returned to school after the Christmas break we have been having regular bursts of

exercise throughout the day. When the bell rings all the pupils stop working and take part in different functional movement exercises helping their agility balance and coordination. This is another one of our physical activity improvements as we work towards our Active Flag.

School Self Evaluation Literacy

Thanks to everyone who has returned our Parents Questionnaire on Literacy. We appreciate your feedback and all the evidence gathered will help us prioritise areas for improvement in literacy.

Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who supported our book fair held in January. A total of €2100 worth of book vouchers has been credited to the school as a result.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Each child is invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. The children will take part in various activities throughout the day incorporating reading and books.

Upcoming Events: School Tours

In an effort to help with school tour costs, we have decided on venues for each class. Should you wish to pay the cost in instalments, we would be happy to facilitate you.

The school tour dates and details are as follows, (Costs will follow shortly)

Junior/Senior Infants are going to Free Range Kids in Croom on Thursday 28th May

1st/2nd Classes are going to Adventure World Camps in U.L. on

Friday 5th June.

3rd/4th classes are going to ULAC on Tuesday 26th May.

5th/6th Class (Date and venue to be confirmed)

Swimming Lessons

The last swimming lesson for 1st and 2nd class was on 16/02/2015. Swimming lessons in U.L for the children in 1st, 3rd and 4th classes start on the 23/02/2015 for 6 weeks. This excludes three Mondays: 16th & 30th March and 6th April. The final lesson is Mon 20th April.

Whizzkids Programme

A 10 week programme of technology classes will commence for our 5th and 6th class pupils in the final term starting on Thursday 16th April. The pupils will learn a wide variety of skills such as web design, video game programming, desktop publishing and animation.

Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on the 10th February. Each class did different activities to reiterate the importance of internet safety. We hope you found the letter on internet safety useful and we urge you to look up the WebWise resources and the links on our website and become familiar with how to protect your child on the internet at home.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will celebrate Seachtain na-Gaeilge in the school from the 23rd to the 27th March. We will have a ceili and a ceolchoirm. Please encourage 'cúpla focail' at home. Is beatha teanga í a labhairt.

Reminder: Dates for 6th Class

Relationships/Sexuality Education
6th Class Parents Talk: Thursday 7th May at 7 pm.

6th Class Pupil Workshop: Friday 8th May during school.

6th Class Graduation: Tuesday 23rd June

Mid Term Break

School closes for mid term break on Thurs/ Fri : 19th/20th February and reopens on Monday 23rd February. School is also closed on Monday 16h & Tuesday 17th March.

Le gach dea-ghuí
Michael Feeney
Principal