

# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



## *Tabhair Maith agus Geobhair Maith School Motto*

### Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on 23rd May in Castleconnell Church and to all the staff and parents who were involved in preparing the children for this special day. Many thanks to all the parents who helped organise the beautiful spread for the children and their parents at the school following the ceremony.

### Active School Flag

We are delighted to announce that we were successful in achieving our Active School Flag. We hope to raise it on our Sports Day. This flag recognises schools like ours that strive to achieve a physically educated and active school. Above all it will celebrate our participation and success in sport and it will encourage us to continue our efforts to make the school a physically active environment. We have worked hard over the last two years to plan and implement a series of changes that have enhanced our PE and extra curricular provision and helped promote physical activity.

### Sports Update

We have had great success this year on the sporting front winning the East final, and the County Football shield for the first time in the history of the school. Both boys and girls enjoyed playing football, hurling and camogie. It was a great year for athletics, soccer and basketball also. Our boys reached the Division 1 Basketball final for the 2nd successive year while the girls were victorious in their league. Maith sibh! It is wonderful to see so many pupils involved in all the different activities and a huge thanks must go to the teachers who coach and train them weekly. I wish to express sincere thanks to all those parents who provide transport to and from matches and sporting events. Also well done to Adam Murrhy who was a member of the East team that won the Mackey Cup and Aine Herbert who was on the Neville Cup team. Adam also represented



our school at the Primary Game on Saturday 23rd May in Ennis.

### All Ireland Champions!

History was made on May 14th as our boys did the unthinkable and won the FAI schools 5-a-side All-Ireland title. It's nigh on impossible to put into words the sheer scale of the achievement witnessed in the Aviva Stadium on that Thursday afternoon. We are so very proud of the boys. May 14th 2015 is certain to go down in the annals of Lisnagry's proud sporting history. Memories to cherish forever.

### Fun Walk a huge success!

Thanks to the whole school community for supporting our fun walk on Sunday 10th May. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the pupils also. A fantastic €4,500 was raised for the school. Thanks to the Parents Association for their help and support.

### School Sports Day

Our annual school sports day will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 18th June weather permitting.

### Quiz

Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who won the Castletroy and District Lions Club school quiz for the 2nd successive year

### Whizzkids Programme

The WhizzKids I.T. Programme in 5th/6th Classes has been a great success. The children really enjoyed it.

### R.S.E Talk

Helen O Dea addressed the parents

on relationships and sexuality education on Thursday 7th May and the children on the 8th May.

### School Self Evaluation Literacy

We have carried out a school self evaluation on literacy. Out of this we have developed a report and 3 year improvement plan. They will be available to view on our website.

### Digital School of Distinction Award

We are very proud that our school has received this award. The Digital Schools of Distinction Award is a flagship programme to promote and acknowledge best practice in the use of ICT. It recognises primary schools who deliver the best educational experience to their pupils through information and computer technology. The award is promoted by the Department of Education and Skills. Our school underwent a rigorous application process to achieve the prestigious award and was inspected by a Digital Schools validator.

### Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Well done to our fifth class pupils and teachers on completing the JEP programme. Their product, a fitness DVD was very impressive and there was enormous learning in the project. They were awarded a flag for our school.

### Annual School Reports/Book lists

The annual school reports and workbook lists for next year will be issued this week. Copies of the school workbook lists may also be downloaded from the website.

### Book Rental Scheme

Please ensure that you have returned the Book Rental Scheme contract and fee to the school. Thanks to all who

have done so already. The books will be available when your child returns to school on Thursday August 27th. This scheme will result in considerable savings for parents over time.

### School Calendar 2015/2016

We will return to school on Thursday 27th August 2015. The school calendar for the next academic year, is now available to view on our website. It will include a full list of all school closures and holidays. Please respect the integrity of the calendar by not planning holidays when the school is open. We are obliged to inform the Education Welfare Officer when a child has missed 20 cumulative school days

### 6th Class Graduation

The "End of Year Ceremony" to mark and celebrate the sixth class pupils' time in our school will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. We especially wish our sixth class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective Post Primary School. All parents and guardians of sixth class pupils are invited to attend at 7.30p.m.

### Board of Management

A Board of Management end of year report to parents is available to view on the website. We are pleased to announce that we have been granted funding for two new mainstream classrooms.

### Anyone 4 Science Summer Camp

Anyone 4 Science are holding a Summer Camp in the school from 29th June until July 10th. There are still places available. If interested please contact Christine on 0876749608

### Summer Holidays

The school closes for the Summer holidays on Thursday 25th June at 12.30. All that remains for me is to thank all our parents, teachers and ancillary staff for another excellent year. As usual, they have put in a huge amount of hard work above and beyond the call of duty. It is a great team effort and I look forward to the school year 2015 – 2016. I wish you all a great Summer. Keep safe and well and we will see you all when school reopens on Thursday 27th August.

Le gach dea-ghu!

Michael Feeney