

# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



May 2016

## *Tabhair Maith agus Geobhair Maith School Motto*

Dear Parents,  
We have reached the final term and it promises to be a very busy time. Please ensure that your child's homework does not become a casualty. Please check their homework nightly and sign the journal also.

### Sacraments

On Friday 22nd April 46

boys and girls from 6th Class were confirmed by Fr. Malone in Castleconnell Church. The elements were kind to us as the lovely sunshine added to a wonderful occasion for the entire school community. Thanks to all the teachers and staff involved especially class teachers Ms. O' Doherty and Mr. Raftery and Ms. Blake who did superb work with the choir. Thanks to Fr. Kyne and his team and to all the children who worked so hard. Our 2nd class children are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion next Saturday.

### Cumann Na mBunscoil Mini 7s

Comhgairdeas to our boys and girls football teams who made history by both winning the Cumann na mBunscoil Mini-Sevens County football titles on March 13th. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of them. A special word of thanks to all the coaches.

### Basketball

Our boys and girls teams are enjoying playing matches in the schools league and are really improving their skills.

### Hurling and Camogie

Our boys and girls teams played very well in the mini-7s series. They are now looking forward to the upcoming 13 aside blitz



on the 23rd May and 30th May

### Fun /Walk

We are calling on the whole school community to support our upcoming fun walk. Please sponsor our pupils and/or participate yourself on the day:

### Sunday 29th May 2016 at

11am. All proceeds from this years fundraising will go towards upgrading our I.C.T resources in the school. We are hoping to purchase more student laptops and upgrade some more classroom laptops also.

We are also fundraising to purchase a first aid for youths programme and classroom kit for the school. The course will be 3km approx starting and finishing at the school. An enjoyable day is sure to be had by all. Refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards. **It is of the utmost importance that children taking part in the walk are accompanied by an adult to supervise them.**

### School Self Evaluation- Gaeilge

We have received valuable evidence from your returned questionnaires and from the pupil and teachers feedback also. We will have a report compiled and improvement plan in place by the end of this school year.

### Parents Literacy Booklet

We are currently compiling a

literacy booklet for you to help your child with reading and writing at home. Included are tips for doing shared reading correctly with your child and questioning them on their understanding.

### Whizzkids Programme

The WhizzKids I.T. Programme has commenced in 5th/6th classes for 10 weeks. If you haven't already paid we would appreciate if you could do so at your convenience.

### Music Generation

Our 3rd and 4th class pupils are really looking forward to their concert on May 16th. The workshop has been really beneficial and a great success.

### RSE Talk

A talk on Relationships and Sexuality takes place for the parents and children of 6th class on Thursday 26th May at 7pm followed by a talk for the children themselves on Friday 27th

### School Tours

Our tours take place on the 31st May and 1st June. Details will be sent home with your child this week.

New Entrants We are having induction evenings for our new junior infants and their parents on the 8th and 9th June.

### School Calendar 2016/2017

We will return to school on Tuesday 30th August. The school calendar for 2016-17 has been posted on the school website.

The Transition Programme for our 6th class pupils will be held on the 9th and 10th June. The Graduation Mass for 6th Class children will be held on Thursday 23rd June.

### Green Flag Awarded

Congratulations to our Green School Committee on being awarded our third flag for water conservation. An Taisce will present the flag at an award ceremony on the 17th May.

### Attendance

As always we remind you of the importance of your child attending school every day. By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments thus improving their chances of academic success. **Please ensure that you inform the school for the reason for any absences as there has been a large number of unexplained absences.** There is a section at the back of the journal containing absence notes. The school has a statutory obligation to make a report to TUSLA in the case of any child who is absent for 20 days or more in any school year. A new attendance policy has been ratified by the BOM and will be available to view on the website.

### Supervision

I wish to remind you that children are supervised from 9am to 9.20 am before school starts. Children who are on school grounds before 9am are not supervised.

### Building Update

There has been some delays due to costing issues but the plans have now gone to tender. We hope to have a date for the start of the building shortly.

**Le gach dea-ghuí  
Michael Feeney**