

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



June 2016

Tabhair Maith agus Geobhair Maith School Motto

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on 14th 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.

Sports Update

We have had another very successful year on the sporting front winning the East final, and reaching the County Football final for the third successive year. We created history also with both our boys and girls claiming County Mini-7's football titles. Both boys and girls enjoyed playing football, hurling and camogie. It was a great year for athletics, soccer and basketball also. Our boys and girls reached the semi-finals in Basketball. 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.

Well Done

Well done to Gavin Cole, Liam O Mara, Evan O Leary and Shane O Grady who were part of the Mackey Cup panel. Also congrats to Aine Herbert, Kate Clohessey and Rachel Donnellan who were on the Neville Cup panel. Well done to Gavin Rowsome and Aine Herbert who represented Limerick in the primary game in the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday 29th May. Also we wish the best of luck to Aoife Mulkern and Evan O Leary who will play at half time in the Mini-Sevens at Croke Park in September.

Fun Walk a huge success!

Thanks to the whole school community for supporting our fun walk on Sunday 29th May. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the pupils also. €4,400 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 Friday 17th June weather permitting. Due to the building works at present we have limited space to facilitate our normal school sports and therefore have modified the programme. For part 1 of the sports day, juniors and senior pupils will enjoy their activity stations at separate times. Parents are welcome to join us for part two if you so wish which will be the running races at 2:15 approx. This will be followed by the raising of our recently acquired third green flag for the school. Please be mindful of the current building project and access will be limited to the gate through the teachers car park so great care is necessary arriving and departing as health and safety is of primary concern.

Colours Day

We are having a colours Day on Friday 17th June to raise funds for the Cancer Society in support of Leah Hickey, a past pupil who is fundraising for this great cause. Any small contributions greatly appreciated

Quiz

Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who were runners-up in the Castletroy and District Lions Club school quiz.

Whizzkids Programme

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

R.S.E Talk

Helen O Dea addressed the parents

of 6th class pupils on relationships and sexuality education on Thursday 26th May and the children on the 27th May.

School Self Evaluation Gaeilge

As you know we have carried out an evaluation of Gaeilge this year. Out of this we have developed a report and are putting a three year plan in place to improve the teaching and learning. When complete they will be available to view on the school website. As a staff we are very committed and have lots of ideas we wish to implement but will need your support also.

Annual School Reports/Book lists

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

Book Rental Scheme

Book Rental books will be collected from children on the 22nd June.. Please ensure that all books are in good condition and ready for collection. Letters for the 2016/17 book rental will be sent out this week. Books will be available when your child returns to school on the 30th August. Children in 6th class who have been members of the book rental Scheme will have their deposits returned before the end of the month.

School Calendar 2015/2016

We will return to school on Tuesday 30th August 2016. 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. We are obliged to inform the Child and Family Agency when a child has missed 20 cumulative school days.

Family Holidays

Please respect the integrity of the calendar by not planning holidays when the school is open. We have noticed an increase in the number of families taking holidays during the school year. **Please try to avoid this if at all possible as it has a detrimental effect on the child's progress. Some children have missed significant school events which is most regrettable. It is sad for children to miss these special moments which can never be recreated**

6th Class Graduation

The "End of Year Ceremony" to mark and celebrate the sixth class pupils' time in our school will be held on Thursday 23rd 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 our graduation Mass at 7.30p.m.

Last School Assembly

During our last school Assembly we will mark the wonderful achievements this year. These will include the presentation of medals to our sporting champions and certificates for pupils with full attendance.

Board of Management

A Board of Management end of year report to parents will be available to view on the website. It details the work and activities of the school Board over the last academic year

Building Works

We are delighted that our building work has commenced and we look forward to enjoying the benefits of same in the new school year.

Summer Holidays

The school closes for the Summer holidays on Tuesday 28th 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 2016 – 2017. I wish you all a great Summer. Keep safe and well and we will see you all when school reopens on Tuesday 30th August. Le gach dea-ghuí

Michael Feeney
Principal