

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS HALLOWEEN 2016



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Sacraments

Second Class will celebrate their First Holy Communion on 6th May at 11a.m. Our Sixth Class will make their confirmation on 11th February.

New Classrooms

Senior Infants have now moved into the two new classrooms. These rooms are a fantastic addition to our wonderful school and the children are delighted to be there. As you have seen, further work was also carried out on the yard and we now have a lovely new play area replacing the former stop and drop. All of this work was carried out with the **children's safety as our priority** but of course came at an additional cost. and therefore, fundraising will be required to defray same. We hope to organise a large scale fundraising event this year.

New Stop and Drop

Our new Stop and Drop facility continues to be very successful and greatly enhances our school. This is largely due to your cooperation and for this we thank you. There are times however when a lack of consideration causes disruption and undue delays. Please remember that our primary concern is for your children's safety. Bearing that



in mind please consider the following points.

- It is imperative that everyone drives **to the front door end of the facility before stopping** in so far as possible. Your child should then use the railed pathway to walk back down and enter the school yard. For this system to be successful, we must allow it to flow and drivers must be conscious of the vehicles behind them waiting to enter the stop and drop. Please encourage your child to walk on the inside of the railing.

- Please **do not reverse into the stop and drop**. It is extremely dangerous.

- Please **do not park your vehicle or leave it unattended** at any time in the stop and drop.

- For your child's safety, please ensure **he/ she exits the car on the path side of the stop and drop**. It is extremely dangerous to exit on the other side as cars will be overtaking and might not see a small child

- Please **refrain from parking outside the stop and drop island** as it is a public road and to park on same causes an obstruction.

It is in everybody's interest that our new system continues to be a success and with your patience and courtesy this will be the reality.

Morning Supervision

It has come to my attention that a number of children are dropped at school at an early hour. I wish to remind parents that the school cannot accept responsibility for children before 9am. Children are supervised every morning from 9 to 9:20 to facilitate parents. It is in the child's own interest that parents leave once s/he is dropped off. This is important from a socialisation point of view and helps to foster independence.

2pm Collection Times

This year, we have a large number of infants being collected at 2pm. In order to ensure the **safety** of all children, we ask for your support with the following:

We would ask all parents to assemble outside the fence in the old stop and drop (new play area)

The children line up in the basketball court facing their parents. This ensures that both child and teacher have a clearer view of the adult col-

lecting them.

It is **important** that children remain in their line until the teacher gives each child into the parents care. We ask for your patience at this time. It is very important that everyone collecting children i.e crèche, grandparents, older siblings, neighbours is made aware of this system in order for it to run smoothly. You will appreciate that it is impossible for any teacher to discuss a child at this time.

Also, please keep in mind that other classes are still ongoing so we would ask for your cooperation in leaving as soon as possible once you have collected your child, in order to keep noise levels to a minimum.

I hope you will accept in good faith all the above regulations for the welfare and safety of the children

3pm Collection

Children are supervised for 15 minutes each day at 3pm. We again ask for your patience and courtesy at this time. The whole process generally takes 10 to 15 minutes and our priority is always the children's safety. If you choose to collect your child at the roundabout below the school, it is important to understand that they are no longer on the school premises and therefore are not supervised. The BOM cannot accept responsibility for those children. It is important for parents to remember that there is a risk factor involved and this cannot be seen as good practice in the current climate.

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Fire Drill

A fire drill was practised at the school last week.

Maths Week

Maths Week was celebrated in the school from the 17th to the 21st October. Classes took part in lots of different activities for the week including interactive maths week games and a daily problem for both the juniors and senior pupils to solve. Lots of maths trails were carried out also using the local environment.

Assemblies

Each month we hold a whole school assembly. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate our achievements with other classes. We learn about all the different activities taking place and the hard work going on in each class. A Student of the month and Gaeilgeoir na Míosa are selected in each class along with our Golden Book awards. Throughout the month children are rewarded for random acts of kindness and achievements to be proud of. Each month a different class leads assembly and perform for the whole school.

Girls and Boys Gaelic Football

Well done to our girls and boys teams who have played great football and have reached the East finals in the Gaelic Grounds this week. We wish them the best of luck. Congrats also to the boys on winning the East Limerick Mini-7's. Title. Many thanks to all our teachers for facilitating training in their free time.

School Self-Evaluation

We are continuing to focus on our literacy improvement plan and writing genres. We have seen great improvements in the structure of children's writing after year one. We have introduced small group literacy instruction in the senior classes also. We now have a three year plan in place for improving Gaeilge. Once finalised it will be available on the website.

Health Promoting School

Lisnagry School has made a commitment to develop as a Health Promoting School. A HPS is about giving schools an extra special focus on promoting a holistic concept of health for the whole school community. It encourages teachers, students and parents to look at how health and wellbeing can be built upon within the school. Children and young people spend a lot of time in school and it is an important influence in their lives. We can be a lot more effective in what we can achieve when parents are supportive and involved. On that note I wish to encourage you to support our Health Promoting work. There will be an information evening for parents on **Wednesday 16th Nov at 8pm in the school** and I urge you to attend.

Our pupils in 5th and 6th class will do Yoga classes for 6 weeks after Halloween.

Green Schools

We had a visit recently from Sean Hartigan, Green Schools Travel Officer. He met all the classes conducting a travel survey. He will assist us as we work on our Travel theme.

Upcoming Events

Enrolment If you have a child starting school in September 2017, please notify the school.

Library Donations

We would appreciate donations of children's books for our school library. It is important they are in good condition. You can check with the school office regarding suitability.

F.A.I Nursery Programme

Coaches from the F.A.I will run a nursery programme with the junior infants starting on the 24th November. They will also receive hurling coaching for a number of weeks after the break.

Junior Entrepreneur

Our Fifth class pupils will participate in this entrepreneurial education programme again this year.

Science Week

We will celebrate Science week in the school from the 14th to the 18th November. Classes will engage in hands-on science investigations and present their findings to other classes.

This year we are working towards achieving the Discover Science and Maths Awards. As we look forward to it we also invited Exploration Dome to visit the school this week. They operate a mobile planetarium designed to explore science and astronomy with the children in a really fun and interactive way. They focus on the wonder and realities of the universe around us and shape our understanding of life on Earth and our place in Space. All our pupils will participate over two days and we would be grateful if you could send in €2 with your child to help cover some of the cost.

Music Generation

The pupils in 3rd and 4th class will take part in this music programme again this year. It is directly linked with the music curriculum and focuses on the core skills, developing rhythm, pitch, tempo and other musical elements. The children will perform with other schools in UL at the end of the year.

Peace Proms

Pupils from 5th and 6th class will take part in this musical education programme and will perform in UL in early March

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our annual P.T.M are scheduled for Wed 18th and Thurs 19h January 2017. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the school during that week should you wish to visit it with your child.

Teacher Inservice

The school will remain closed on Monday 7th November as all the teachers attend inservice in the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Creative Lego making Halloween Camp

Monday and Tuesday 31st Oct and 1st. Nov in school. Contact Ross on 0838513319

Halloween Fancy Dress

The children will be allowed dress up in Halloween costumes on Friday 28th October. (full day). **Due to the "scary clown" craze, some children are frightened and distressed. Please refrain from allowing your child dress up as a clown on Friday-** Our annual Halloween cake sale will take place in the Halla from 1:30 on that day. Please support our first fundraiser of this school year

Halloween Holidays

We look forward to a safe and restful Halloween break. We will re-open on **Tuesday November 8th**