

## LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS SUMMER 2017



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### Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on the 6th May and to all the staff and parents who were involved in preparing the children for this special day. Many thanks to our Parents Association who helped organise the beautiful spread for the children and their parents at the school following the ceremony.

### Sports Update

We had another very successful year on the sporting front contesting and winning numerous finals in football/ hurling and camogie. Over 50 pupils competed in the city sports athletics doing the school proud. It was a great year for basketball also with the boys winning their final and the girls narrowly missing out on a final appearance. Maith sibh! It is wonderful to see so many pupils involved in so many different activities and a huge thanks must go to all the teachers who coach them weekly. Thanks to all the parents who provided transport to the various sporting events all year. Without them transport costs



would be prohibitive and could deter us from participating in these events which are so worthwhile.

### Well Done

Well done to Jack Butler and Donnacha O Leary who were part of the Mackey Cup panel. Also congrats to Rachael Donnellan, Ciara Keaveney and Ella Ryan who were on the Neville Cup panel representing East Limerick. Rachael also represented Limerick in the primary games football in Cusack Park. A great achievement by all.

### School Sports Day

Our annual school sports day will take place on the afternoon of Friday next 16th June weather permitting.

### Colours Day

We are having a colours Day on Friday 16th June in support of Jennifer Wilson, a past pupil who is volunteering in Ubud teaching Balinese children. A donation of €2/child would be welcome.

### Fun Walk

Thanks to the whole school community for supporting and helping out at our fun walk on Sunday last. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the pupils also. It

has become an annual event and one which the children really enjoy. Thanks to the PA and our HPC for all their help and support.

### New Parent Portal

Our school is delighted to announce that we are rolling out the Aladdin Schools Parent Portal to parents/guardians of children in our school. The school uses the Aladdin Schools software service [www.aladdin.ie](http://www.aladdin.ie) for administrative purposes and the Parent Portal will give you secure access to details of your child's track record in school via secure login from your internet browser. The purpose of the portal is to strengthen home: school partnership. Aladdin Schools uses state of the art security to safeguard information entered by you and the school and data is stored and processed in strict compliance with Irish data protection laws.

**In the next few days, you will receive an e-mail containing your registration instructions.** Follow these to register on [www.aladdin.ie](http://www.aladdin.ie). During registration you will choose a username and password that you can use to access the Parent Portal going forward. We have a link on

our school website to the parent portal log in. When you log in, you will see some of the following: your child's details, their attendance information, a record of any texts/emails sent to you and any approved report cards on record for your child.

**Your child's report card for this year can be accessed here once completed.** Please note that report cards will not be posted out this year.

We hope that you enjoy using the parent portal.

### New Entrants

We are having an induction evening for our new junior infants and their parents on Wednesday 14th June.

### Fundraising Quiz/Auction

Once again I would like to thank everyone who supported our fundraising quiz and mini auction held earlier this year. It was a great success raising approx €7,500 for the school. A huge well done to our Parents Association and fundraising committee for all their hard work. A special mention is due to Mr McGrath who was our auctioneer for the night and helped to make the night most enjoyable.

### Great Limerick Run

**Volunteers.** Thanks to all the parents who gave up their time helping out and raised €400 for the school. It is very much appreciated

### Supervision

I wish to remind you that children are only supervised from 9am to 9:20 before school starts.

### Board Of Management

A Board of Management end of year report to parents will be available to view on the website.

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**Health Promoting School**

Earlier this school year, Lisnagry committed to becoming a Health Promoting School. A committee was formed from all the school partners and wonderful work has taken place since. Our Healthy Eating policy was reviewed, mental wellness initiatives introduced and an activity yard in operation where every class has a turn. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and giving up their time. It can only be a very positive and worthwhile experience for everyone.

**Healthy Eating Policy**

I would like to thank everyone for their support and co-operation with our new healthy eating policy. The lunches have improved in several areas and the "treat day Friday" seems to be a great incentive.

**Music Generation**

Our 3rd and 4th classes have thoroughly enjoyed the programme again this term. The pupils have created their own unique piece of music, working with the tutor in conjunction with the teacher. This involved all stages of composition – initial concepts, content, instrument options, arrangement and performance. The end point for this process will be a large combined event at Thomond Park this week. The pupils are really looking forward to it.

**RSE Talk**

Helen O Dea addressed the parents of 6th class pupils on relationships and sexuality education on Thursday 18th and the children on the 19th May.

**School Tours**

On the 24th and 25th May, all classes went on their respective tours to Dublin, Galway, Shannon and Croom. They were a great success and enjoyed by all.

**Safer Cycling**

Our 5th class pupils enjoyed the Safe Cycling Programme run by the Community Gardai in Henry St.

**Whizzkids Programme**

The Whizzkids ICT Programme has commenced in 5th/6th classes. The children are really enjoying it.

**Robotics Workshop**

The 5th class pupils really enjoyed participating in a robotics workshop in May. They learned all about robotics and made vehicles using lego. They then programmed them to move up a ramp using laptops. The winning team from the day also participated in the Analog Devices Robotics Competition. The children were awarded for their teamwork and design. It was a really worthwhile event and they enjoyed the experience immensely.

**Plaque of STEM Excellence**

Lisnagry N.S. has been awarded a Discovery Primary Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence for the 2016/2017 academic year. A plaque of STEM Excellence is the highest award that a school can achieve and commends our school for deeper engagement, whole school involvement and external science engagement in Science and Maths for this year. A huge well done and congratulations to all our pupils and teachers in engaging in such a wide range of activities and events this year. Classes participated in Maths Week, Science Week, Engineering Week and Robotics, Coding and many more projects and activities.

**Junior Entrepreneur Programme**

This innovative programme really opened the minds of our fifth class pupils to the joy of entrepreneurship and they produced a fantastic cookbook "Ravishing Recipes" which sold out in days. They showcased their cookbook at the JEP Showcase Day in the Woodlands Hotel in Adare recently. They gave an excellent presentation and everyone was really impressed with their product. They did themselves, their teacher, the school and their families proud. The school has been awarded the JEP flag and plaque.

**National Pilot Study**

Our Seniors, First and Second classes are involved in a national pilot called "Moving well Being well project". It assesses all elements of children's physical literacy.

**Search and Rescue Helicopter**

We are delighted to welcome the Irish Coast Guard helicopter to the school this week. This is a wonderful treat for the children and we thank Philip Wrenn.

**Book Rental Scheme**

Book rental books will be collected from the children on Thursday 22nd June. Please ensure that all books are in good condition and ready for collection. Contracts for the 2017/2018 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 2017/2018**

We will return to school on Wednesday 30th August 2017. The school calendar for the next academic year is available to view on our school website. It contains a full list of all school closures and holidays. Please inform the school of any absences. Notes from parents explaining each absence are required and the absence notes at the back of the school journal can be used. We are obliged to inform the Child and Family Agency when a child has missed 20 cumulative days.

**A Transition Programme** for our 6th class pupils will be held on the 14th June.

**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 22nd June. We especially wish our sixth class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective Post Primary Schools. All parents and guardians of sixth class pupils are invited to attend our graduation Mass at 7:30pm.

**Last School Assembly**

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

**Summer Holidays**

As we are coming towards the end of this academic year, I would like to thank all our parents, teachers and ancillary staff for their constant support, hard work and commitment to our school. It is a great team effort and I look forward to the school year 2017/2018. I wish you all a pleasant summer break and we will see you all when school reopens on Wednesday 30th August.