

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



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The school Twitter account is an ideal way to get a flavour of what's happening in the school or to learn about events that may be of interest.

Health Promoting School

We recently had a very successful HPS committee meeting with Mairéad Kelly Health Promotion Officer with the HSE. She was very impressed with all the initiatives we have introduced and we are now ready to make an application for our HPS flag. Our new Healthy Eating Policy is working well and we thank you for your co-operation, especially regarding "Treats are for Friday". We would ask you to remember that cereal bars are not permitted as per the policy.

Buddy Bench

We received a beautiful Buddy Bench from our local Mulcair Mens Shed and the children are delighted with it. We all hope this initiative will help promote friendship and inclusion among the children.

Meditation

Our whole school meditation initiative continues to be very helpful with improving attention and greater access to right-brain thinking.

Yoga

5th and 6th classes are really enjoying this experience. There are so many physical and mental benefits of this practice



Music Generation

Our Third and fourth class pupils are taking part in this music programme since Halloween and the children are really enjoying it.

Peace Proms Concert

Pupils from 5th and 6th class will perform in the Galway Peace Proms Concert in NUIG on Sunday 21st January 2pm. This is a choir made up of 3,000 voices of children from primary schools around Ireland. Tickets are on sale from peaceproms.com

Dick Whittington

West-Midlands Theatre Company visited the school last week to perform for all classes. It was a great show with lots of audience participation and was enjoyed by all.

School Mass

We had a School Mass for the children and staff last Friday 15th in the school halla.

Confirmation time has been changed to 3pm on Thursday 19th April.

Science Week

Science week was a hive of activity in Lisnagry. Each class conducted experiments and displayed their findings. The week culminated in a whole school display in the school hall. All the classes viewed the displays and the children from each class were on hand to carry out experiments and explain findings. Science week was lots of

fun and everybody learned something new.

Science Ireland

Declan Holmes of Science Ireland visited us recently to hold a Science Fair. The 5th and 6th class children learned a number of scientific experiments before teaching them to the younger children in the school. Declan also performed a science show for all the classes. A very successful day was had by all.

Upcoming Events

Primary Science Fair

Some 4th class pupils are busy preparing for the 2018 science fair in MIC on 20th January. They chose a project entitled "Does Music Affect How We Exercise"? They are really looking forward to the event.

Swimming

Second and Third class will commence swimming lessons in UL on Mondays from the 15th January 2018.

Junior Entrepreneur

Our fifth class pupils will participate in this entrepreneurial programme in the new year.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our annual P.T.M. are scheduled for Wed 24th and Thurs 25th January 2018. You will be allocated a time after the Christmas holidays.

Internet Safety

Our local Community Gda Ciara Gaynor visited the senior classes about cyber bullying and related issues. Increasing numbers of our

children have smartphones and are using Snapchat, Instagram and other media-sharing platforms. In school internet access is restricted and known social networking sites are blocked. As the majority of time the children spend on the internet is at home, it is important that you, their parents and guardians understand the dangers and be proactively involved in their internet world more than ever before.

SPHE and Stay Safe

In recent weeks we have reviewed and updated our SPHE policy. Various programmes and initiatives have been introduced over the years and with a new Stay Safe Programme now available and mandatory, we wish to formalise our teaching of SPHE and draw all the programmes together, under one umbrella over a 2 year cycle. The SPHE programme promotes self worth, self confidence and self awareness and contributes to the development of personal attributes and skills such as learning how to manage feelings, how to resolve conflicts and how to cope with new and demanding situations. Programmes used include Walk Tall, Zippy's Friends, Relationships and Sexuality Education and Weaving Wellbeing. Advance notice will be given in the newsletter prior to delivery of the RSE and Stay Safe lessons. The policy will be available on the website once ratified by the BOM.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12.30pm on the 22nd December. We will reopen on Monday the 8th January. As always, you have been hugely supportive of the school in all its endeavours and I would like to express my sincere appreciation. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh go léir-Mise le meas,

Michael Feeney