

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

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Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on the 19th May and to Ms. Boland and the 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 camogie, basketball and athletics. Over 50 pupils competed in the city sports athletics doing the school proud. Both our girls and boys teams were victorious on the day. It was a great year for basketball also with the boys and the girls getting into their respective finals in UL. 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.

Well Done

Well done to David Carr and Cathal O Mara who were part of the Mackey Cup panel. Also congrats to Hazel Coulter and Abby Murrhly who were on the Neville Cup panel representing East Limerick. David also represented Limerick in the primary games hurling in the Gaelic Grounds. A great achievement by all.

School Sports Day

Our annual school sports day took place on Tuesday last and was a great success.

Fun Walk

Thanks to the whole school community for supporting and helping out at our fun walk on Sunday 27th May. 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 Health Promoting Schools committee for all their help and support. The total raised was €2,790.

School Self Evaluation

As you may be aware our school has engaged in school self evaluation in Numeracy, Literacy and this year Gaeilge. As a result of our interventions, targets set in the plans were reached. This means that the children in the school are performing above national norms in literacy and numeracy. Comprehension and writing genres were a focus in literacy and problem solving and mental maths provided the basis for focus in numeracy. We continue to monitor and review every year. Our focus in Gaeilge has been in oral language and introducing cluichí teanga in the classes. The amount of Irish spoken throughout the school has improved and we hope to work towards the Gaelbhrtach next year. We continually strive to raise the standards in our school.

Report Cards

Your child's report card can be accessed on the parent portal. If anyone has difficulty with same please contact reception.

New Entrants

We had our Induction evening for our new Junior Infants on 6th & 7th June. We look for-

ward to meeting them in the new school year.

Curriculum Evaluation

A curriculum evaluation of music was carried out on Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th May by Divisional Inspectors with the Department of Education. They were very happy overall with how the music curriculum is delivered in our school.

Parking –Residents

We ask you, please, to respect local residents by refraining from parking in, or obstructing their driveways.

GDPR

As you are aware the European Union Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into effect on the 25th May. This obliges Lisnagry National School to explain how we use your data, the reasons why we need this data and your rights in respect of such data. The Board of Management are currently drafting our policy statement and you will receive it in September.

Internet Safety- Fortnite

It has come to our attention that a number of younger children are engaging with an online game called Fortnite. This has a recommended age of 12 years. It contains violent scenes and research suggests that it evokes the same "reward" systems in the brain as with addiction. Please be mindful of this particularly with the holidays approaching.

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Health Promoting School

This year on Sports Day we were delighted to raise our Health Promoting School Flag. Over the past two years our committee have done trojan work and have introduced so many successful initiatives. Our Healthy Eating policy was reviewed, mental wellness initiatives introduced, an activity yard, and a buddy bench was put in place. I would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and for giving up their time. It can only be a very positive and worthwhile experience for everyone.

Green School Travel Flag

Well done to the Green Schools Committee who achieved our fourth green flag for the school–Travel. This was another very worthwhile experience for the children as they learned about road safety, car pooling and correct use of the “stop and drop”.

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 was a large combined event at Thomond Park last week. The pupils really enjoyed it.

RSE Talk

Nurse Helen O Dea addressed the parents of 6th class pupils on relationships and sexuality education on Monday 21st and the children on Tuesday 22nd May.

School Tours

On the 29th and 30th May, all classes went on their respective tours to Ballyhass Lakes, Killaloe, UL and Croom. They were a great success and enjoyed by all.

Techkidz Programme

The pupils in 5th and 6th classes have really enjoyed the Techkidz ICT Programme

Digital Schools Excellence Fund

We have been successful in our application to the digital scheme to support digital learning. As part of a cluster of five Limerick schools our project over the course of three years aims to enhance children’s curiosity and skills in STEM subjects through the stimulus of WeDo 2.0/Mind storms EV3 Construction and Robotics sets.

Plaque of STEM Excellence

Once again this year Lisnagry N.S. has been awarded a Discovery Primary Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence for 2017/2018. 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 for engaging in such a wide range of activities and events this year. Classes participated in Maths Week, Science Week, Engineering Week and Robotics, as well as 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 their ‘Cafe for a day’ proved a huge success. They did themselves, their teacher, the school and their families proud. The school has been awarded the JEP flag and plaque and we raised the flag on Sports Day in celebration.

Defence Forces

We are delighted to welcome members of the Defence Forces to Lisnagry this week for a school visit. They will showcase their work and it is sure to be an insightful experience for the senior pupils. It is organised in honour of the late Neville Furlong, dad of Kyle in 6th class, who served as a Commandant with the Defence Forces and is greatly missed. Ar dheis De go raibh an am.

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 2018/2019 have been sent out. Books will be available when your child returns to school on the 29th 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 2018/2019

We will return to school on Wednesday 29th August 2018. 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 was held on Wednesday 30th May.

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 21st 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

School finishes on **Tuesday 26th June at 12.30pm**. I am sure you agree that we have had a busy but wonderful year in Lisnagry NS. 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 2018/2019. I wish you all a pleasant summer break and we will see you all when school reopens on Wednesday 29th August.