

## LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS SUMMER 2019



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### Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on the 11th 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 and the parents of children in first class who helped organise the beautiful spread for the children and their parents at the school following the ceremony.

Congratulations also to our 6th Class pupils who were confirmed in Castleconnell Church on 26th May. Both were wonderful occasions for the whole school community.

### Spar 5 Aside Nat Finals

Our 5 aside soccer team had a memorable year capturing a Limerick and Munster Title before competing in the national finals in the Aviva Stadium on May 29th. The boys put in a great effort and secured the bronze medal on the day. We are very proud of their achievements. Huge credit to their coaches for all the preparation. Thanks also to all our 5th/6th class pupils who cheered and supported the team in Dublin.



Leader Cup Champions, 2019

### Leader Cup 2019

On Wednesday 12th June our senior hurling team made history by winning the prestigious Leader Cup for 2019 for the first time ever. The Leader Cup is contested by the 15 aside champions of each of the four divisions in Limerick. It really was a week to remember on the hurling front. On Monday 10th June the boys finally dethroned serial winners Doon CBS to win the East title in the Gaelic Grounds. This was a top class hurling contest and credit to our boys who put in a superb performance. Two days later in Rathkeale the boys had to battle extremely hard to overcome the challenge of South Champions Bruff in the semi final followed by a titanic tussle with Mahoonagh NS in the final. Lios na Groí abú!!!

### Mackey Cup Success

This year Lisnagry had 5 representatives on the victorious Mackey Cup Panel. Much congrats to Cathal O'Mara, James Rennison, John O'Connor, Jack Cosgrove and Conor Ryan. Cathal O'Mara also played

on the Primary Game Football for Limerick. We wish the best of luck to James O'Malley who will play in Croke Park at half time in the Mini 7's in August.

Congrats are also due to Lucy Donnellan who was on the Neville Cup team representing East Limerick.

### Hockey Blitz

Well done to all the girls who participated in a hockey blitz in Laurel Hill on May 14th.

### 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. A fantastic €2,700 was raised. 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. In particular special thanks to Richie Clifford for his safety briefing and pep talk beforehand.

### New Entrants

We had our induction evenings for the new Junior Infants on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June. We look forward to welcoming them to our school in August.

### Parking - Residence

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

### Digital Learning Plan

Earlier this year we undertook a digital learning evaluation and developed a plan to further improve our digital learning practice in the school. Our targets were based on learner outcomes and teachers individual practice and they included teachers engaging more with content creation tools and pupils doing more coding and computation thinking activities appropriate to their age group. They also include teachers collaborating more with a designated member of our digital learning team. Pedagogically digital learning can be highly motivating for the pupils and particularly for those children who find the more traditional methodologies of the school setting constraining. In this light Lisnagry is striving to maximise the potential for children's learning using digital technology where appropriate.

### Report Cards

Your child's report card can be accessed via the Aladdin connect app. If you have any difficulty with same please contact reception. Please note that class contact lists will no longer be issued by the school due to GDPR. If you wish to be included on class lists you need to give permission using the "class list" tab in your child's profile. By using the privacy options you can choose what information you wish to share.

**Health Promoting School**

We continued with our Health Promotion work this school year. In term one the Food Dudes Programme focused again on healthy eating while in term two we celebrated a Wellness Week. Our senior pupils practiced yoga while the whole school took part in the Daily Mile initiative

**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 the National School Summit at Thomond Park last week. The pupils really enjoyed it.

**Quiz Teams**

It has been a very successful year for our quiz teams. Well done to all our pupils who took part in the Lions Club Interschool Quiz recently and did so well.

**RSE Talk**

Helen O Dea addressed the parents of 6th class pupils on relationships and sexuality education on Monday 20th May and the children on the 21st May.

**School Tours**

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

**Plaque of STEM Excellence**

Lisnagry N.S. has been awarded a Discovery Primary Science and Maths Plaque of STEM Excellence for the 2018/2019 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 involve-

ment 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, Coding and many more projects and activities.

**RDS Science Blast**

Congratulations to our 4th class pupils who exhibited their project at the Science Blast in Mary Immaculate College. The rollercoaster project was very well received by the judges and visitors to the fair. They put huge effort into completing their investigation ‘What factors affect a marbles ability to do a full loop the loop in a pipe insulation roller coaster’. They were busy fielding questions on their study throughout the day and they also got to enjoy other science shows and VR technology experiences.

**G.A.A 5 Star Centre**

We are delighted to have received the G.A.A 5 star centre recognition this year. This is a recently developed initiative for primary schools. It aims to recognise and support schools that provide pupils with 60 minutes of Gaelic Games activities per week in a manner that ensures children experience fun, friendship, fairness and ultimately improve their fitness. We have taken part in lots of different activities throughout the year. Many thanks to all the external coaches and our teachers who give up their time after school and who integrate these activities into their physical education lessons. We hope to raise the flag on sports day.

**Roof Repairs**

We welcome the news that we have been approved emergency works funding for our roof. As you may be aware there has been a history of leakages in our school over the last few years. The roof of the senior classrooms built in 1991 is one section that has caused significant trouble. The roofing felt and velux windows are leaking. Although remedial works have been carried out the work that could be done was limited. There are also leaks along the flat roof corridor that need remedying. At present the work is gone out to tender and we hope to be in a position to start most of the work during the summer holidays.

**Book Rental Scheme**

Book rental books will be collected from the children on Thursday 20th June. Please ensure that all books are in good condition and ready for collection. Contracts for the 2019/20 will be sent out this week. Books will be available when your child returns to school on the 28th 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 2019/2020**

We will return to school on Wednesday 28th August 2019. 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 to Secondary School programme** for our 6th class pupils was held on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th June with the Limerick Youth Service.

**6th Class Graduation**

The “End of Year Ceremony” to mark and celebrate the sixth class pupils’ time in our school will be held on Monday 24th 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 2019/2020. I wish you all a pleasant summer break and we will see you all when school reopens on Wednesday 28th August.

School Closes for summer break next Tuesday 25th at 12:30.