

# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



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I am delighted to inform you that the children have settled back to school very well. The staff are delighted with their co-operation in relation to new cleaning procedures and the children are enjoying being in one another's company again. It is really lovely to see happy faces arrive every morning.

## Covid System

Thank you for your cooperation with our Covid system as well as your support for our staggered drop off times in the morning. The staggered drop off and split collection is to minimize congregation. Please be aware that some parents and those with vulnerable family members may not feel comfortable when some parents congregate for conversations.

We appreciate you keeping children at home when unwell or when close contacts are being tested. Please complete the HSE Return to School Declaration form which you can find in the dedicated Covid19 section of our website. There is lots of up to date relevant information available here.

## Wellness

Every morning in school we have our morning meeting. Ms Quirke hosts the morning

meeting via intercom. The whole school is quiet for this time each day. The children focus on breathing techniques and mindfulness. It creates a lovely positive atmosphere around the school each day

## Remote Learning

As we know, it is a main aim of government to keep schools open but it is prudent that we are prepared in case a closure happens. Our Remote Learning Policy is available to view on our website. Should we find ourselves involved in remote learning over the coming weeks and months, teachers will publish teaching videos and communicate using Google Classroom. If you have not already done so, it is essential you set up the log in details now. The most important thing is to encourage and support your child to engage to the best of their ability with the content provided.

## Homework

In September we adopted the "slow down to catch up model" and focused mainly on oral work, spellings, tables and reading. Over the past few weeks we have

added some written activities. From now on homework will be assigned to all classes on a Monday. It will be uploaded to Google Classroom. Families will have flexibility regarding when the written homework should be completed, as long as it is complete by Friday.

## Photographer

Eamon Andrews will visit the school on the 19th October, to take individual photographs of the children's pods in Junior Infants.

## Internet Safety

Our fifth and sixth class pupils attended an online internet safety/ anti cyber bullying class with Ger Brick on Thursday. The workshop had strong themes of mutual respect throughout, accompanied by rules for staying safe online.

## Sacraments

Congratulations to our third class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on September 12th.

## Enrolment

If you have a child starting school in September 2021 please notify the school. Our enrolment policy and admissions Notice is available to view on our website.

## Parents Association

The AGM is on next Tuesday at 8:30 via zoom.

As the current Covid 19 situation is unpredictable, it is very difficult to plan events for the coming year.

## Parent Teacher Meetings

This year our PTMs will be held at the end of November. Due to current restrictions face to face meetings will not be possible. We will be in contact closer to the time with more information

## Board of Management

The annual review of our child safeguarding statement and anti-bullying policy were completed at our September meeting. A Fire Drill was carried out this week in the school

## Maths Week

Maths Week, as always was a great success. The children participated in many maths based activities– Maths TV, Maths Trails, Maths games, Puzzles, Jigsaws, Maths Eyes. There was an air of excitement each morning as new problems of the day were announced. It was fantastic.

## Halloween Fancy Dress

We invite children to dress up in Halloween costumes on Friday 23rd October. However, we would ask you not to send in any paraphernalia that may accompany the costumes and needs to be handled e.g masks, swords, teeth, tridents etc. We especially welcome home made costumes. It is great to have an occasion to celebrate!

## Halloween Holidays

School will be closed from 26th to 30th October inclusive for the mid term break We look forward to a safe and restful Halloween break. We will re-open on Mon 2nd November.