

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



February 2013

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School Motto*

Sacraments

Second Class will make their First Confession on the 19th February in Ahane Church at 7pm. Sixth Class are now busy preparing for their Confirmation which will take place on the 13th April.

Internet Safety Talk

Thank you to everyone who attended our Internet Safety talk with Dr. Maureen Griffin on the 4th February. Both the workshop with the children and the night talk for parents were very beneficial. For those of you unable to attend on the night it is worthwhile checking out her website on www.isfsi.ie.

Bullying

The Office of the Ombudsman for Children has recently published a report titled 'Dealing with Bullying in Schools' It may be viewed using this link <http://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Education-Reports/Action-Plan-On-Bullying-2013.pdf>

Indoor Hurling

Congratulations to our 3rd & 4th class boys who were victorious in round 1 of the indoor hurling league in Caherconlish. Well done also to our girls who competed in the indoor camogie.

Jack & Jill Phone Collection

Thanks to all who donated their phones over the last 2 years. These recycled phones funded a new set of crested jerseys for our younger pupils. Also thanks to Castle Connections for sponsoring another set of crested school jerseys for our senior pupils.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the credit union quiz. Our U-11 teams got 1st and 2nd place while our under 13 team won their category.

Engineers Week

This takes place from 25th Feb to the 3rd March. Children from 3rd – 6th class will learn about different engineers and their work as well as carrying out different scientific experiments.



Mr. David Tanner will speak with the 6th class all about engineering.

Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools week took place recently. We celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday 8th February. We paid tribute to the role grandparents play in the lives of the children. As you can see in our photo, many grandparents from junior and senior infants visited the school. It was an opportunity to visit the classroom and see their grandchildren's work. Afterwards they enjoyed a cup of tea and a chat in the hall. It was a really lovely occasion.

School Garden

Our Junior Infant pupils were busy last week planting broad beans. They had so much fun and definitely have green fingers! Each class has been given a theme to develop over the coming weeks, including a woodland garden, gardening for bees, birds and butterflies, growing salads, potatoes and herbs. We also hope to do our miniature gardens again this year.

Literacy power Hour

A daily literacy hour has commenced in first class. A number of teachers work together on a range of literacy activities and it is proving very beneficial. Thanks also to all who completed our maths questionnaire. We are currently putting an action plan together to improve problem solving.

Health & Safety

All staff members have completed fire safety and evacuation training this month.

Secondary School Offers

Congratulations to all our Sixth class pupils who have received places in the secondary schools of their choice. They will shortly be embarking on a new phase in their lives.

Upcoming Events

New School Website

We are presently developing a new school website and hope to have it up and running before the end of this school year.

School Tours

In an effort to help with school tour costs, we have decided on venues for each class and the accompanying costs. Should you wish to pay the cost in instalments, we would be happy to facilitate you. We realise that we are living in recessionary times and have tried to tailor the costs accordingly. Should you have any difficulty making the payment, please do not hesitate to contact us in the strictest of confidence. The school tour dates and details are as follows.

Junior/Senior Infants are going to Free Range Kids in Croom on the 5th June: Cost €15.

1st /2nd Classes are going to Tralee on the 6th June to the Museum and the Aquadome. Cost €20

3rd /4th classes are going to U.L. activity centre on the 11th June Cost €40

5th /6th classes are going to Dublin on June 13th to Croke Park, and the National History Museum Cost €30

Swimming Lessons

The last swimming lesson for 1st and

2nd class is on 18/02/2013. Swimming lessons in U.L for the children in 3rd and 4th class start on the 25/02/2013 for 6 weeks.

Safer Cycling Initiative

Sixth Class will once again partake in the Safer Cycling programme this year. On the 10th May the instructors will visit the school and all bikes and equipment is provided.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge in the school from the 11th – 22nd March. We will have a ceili and a ceolchoirm. The Juniors and Senior infants are busy learning new dances. Please encourage 'cúpla focail' at home. Is beatha teanga í a labhairt.

Vaccinations/Hearing-Vision

Junior Infants will have their vaccinations on Feb 19th. Day one of the Junior Infant Vision & Hearing Tests will be on March 1st. 2nd date to be confirmed.

Enrolment September 2013

Closing date for receipt of registration forms is Thursday next 14th February.

Relationships/Sexuality Education

All the parents and children of 6th class are invited to an R.S.E talk with Ms. Helen O Dea on Wednesday 5th June at 7.00pm. She will also talk with the 6th class children on Thursday 6th at school.

6th Class Graduation

6th class will have their graduation night on Wednesday 19th June

Reminder:

To ensure effective communication with the school please ensure we have your up to date e-mail address. Also, if you have a change of address or mobile phone number for text-a-parent, please inform us.

Mid Term Break

School closes for the mid term break on Wednesday 13th February and reopens on the 18th February.

School is also closed on Monday 18th March. Easter Holidays on the 22nd March. School closed at 12.30.

Le gach dea-ghu

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