

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



February 2014

*Tabhair Maith agus
Geobhair Maith
School Motto*

Sacraments

Our second class pupils will make their First Confession on Wednesday 26th February in Ahane Church at 7.30pm. Sixth Class are now busy preparing for their Confirmation which will take place on the 7th March at 11am.

New Bullying Guidelines

We are currently updating our anti-bullying policy in line with new guidelines.

Indoor Hurling

Congratulations to our 5th class girls and 4th class boys who were victorious in round 1 of the indoor hurling/camogie league in Caherconlish. Well done to all the boys and girls who have worked very hard in training.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the credit union quiz. Our U-11 team came second place in their category while our u-13 team came first and now progress to the next stage on March 2nd. We wish them the best of luck.

R.DS Primary Science Fair

Congratulations to our fifth class pupils who exhibited at the Primary Science Fair in the RDS on Thursday 9th January and were awarded a trophy for their project. The pupils presented their project excellently and received fantastic feedback from the judges. As well as learning from our own project each pupil got the opportunity to explore the fair and investigate other projects on display. The children deserve much credit for their behaviour and how well they represented the school. Well done to all on a fantastic learning experience

Healthy Eating

Our revised healthy eating policy is now available to view on the website. A speaker from the Limerick Sports Partnership will speak to all the children on healthy eating habits next Wednesday 19th.



Grandparents' Day

Catholic Schools week took place recently. We celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday 7th February. We paid tribute to the role grandparents play in the lives of the children. 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

Each class will have a pot of first early potatoes to plant in March. They will be harvested in June. Each class will also plant a class pot of salads and vegetables. This brings the garden to the children and each class can keep an eye on the growth and development of the plants. The bulbs at the front of the school will flower from February to Easter.

Literacy Lift-off

Our daily literacy hour has now concluded in first class for this year. It will commence in Senior infants next. It is proving a great success. A number of teachers work together on a range of literacy activities and parents support the programme at home by reading the new book with their child.

Parents Numeracy Booklet

As part of our improvement plan for numeracy we are devising a language booklet for parents to provide guidance in supporting your child with maths at home. We will also have a page on our website with useful links to websites and useful tips to help your child with maths.

Parking

I would like to thank the majority of parents who help us keep our children safe when complying with our requested parking regulations when dropping and collecting children. However we would appeal to those who continue to prioritise convenience over the safety of children by parking in the set down area to refrain from doing so. Also, please ensure your child enters and exits the car on the path side of the set down.

Upcoming Events: School Tours

In an effort to help with school tour costs, we have decided on venues for each class. Should you wish to pay the cost in instalments, we would be happy to facilitate you. The school tour dates and details are as follows, (Costs will follow shortly)

Junior/Senior Infants are going to Free Range Kids in Croom on the 29th May

1st/2nd Classes are going to King Johns Castle and Shannon Leisure Centre on 22nd May.

3rd/4th classes are going to Pure Skills and the Aquarium in Galway on 6th June.

5th/6th Class are going to Lets Go Camp in Mallow and the Titanic Experience in Cork on 9th June.

Swimming Lessons

The last swimming lesson for 1st and 2nd class was on 17/02/2014. Swimming lessons in U.L for the children in 3rd and 4th class start on the 24/02/2014 for 6 weeks.

Whizzkids Programme

A 10 week programme of technology classes will commence for our 5th and 6th class pupils in the final term. The pupils will learn a wide variety of skills such as web design, video game programming, desktop publishing and animation.

Bluestar Project

Children in 6th class have embarked on their Bluestar Project. This is a European Movement initiative and the aim is to create awareness of what it means to be part of the European Union. It is completed over 4 months and forms part of the SESE curriculum. More information may be found on www.europa.ie

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 classes are busy learning new dances. Please encourage 'cúpla focail' at home. Is beatha teanga í a labhairt.

Reminder: Dates for 6th Class

Relationships/Sexuality Education
6th Class Parents Talk: Monday 19th May at 7 pm.

6th Class Pupil Workshop: Tuesday 20th May during school.

Transition Programme: Friday 4th April.

6th Class Graduation: Monday 23rd June

Mid Term Break

School closes for mid term break on Thurs/ Fri : 20th/21st February and reopens on Monday 24th February. School is also closed on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March.

Mobile Phones

We would be delighted to receive any old mobile phones for our ongoing charity collection.

Active Schools Week

We are all looking forward to Active Schools week from the 12th-16th May. This is part of our endeavour to achieve the active flag.

Le gach dea-ghuá

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