

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



Easter 2014

Tabhair Maith agus Geobhair Maith School Motto

Sacraments

Congratulations to our 6th Class pupils who were confirmed on the 7th March. Second class are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion which takes place on 10th May in Ahane Church.

New Anti Bullying Policy

The school is updating its anti bullying policy at present. A draft copy of the new policy which is being drawn up in line with the requirements of the Anti Bullying procedures for primary and post primary schools published in Sept 2013 is available to view on our website. Please take time to read the draft copy. The new policy once finalised will be ratified by the B.O.M. in June. We all want to prevent and tackle bullying behaviour. In the new policy, the 'reform not blame' approach is used to respond to reports of bullying behaviour.

Parents Anti-Bullying Talk

Seán Fallon, of the Anti Bullying Campaign Programme which is proving much more effective at reducing bullying in schools will visit Lisnagry School on **Tuesday 3rd June** and do a teachers workshop. He will also do a parent talk at **7:30** that evening. I would urge you all to attend this very important workshop and become familiar with the schools new approach to tackling bullying.

County Indoor Hurling Champs

Congratulations to our 4th class boys who won the County indoor hurling in Caherconlish. Well done also to our 5th class girls who won the East Limerick indoor camogie final. We are extremely proud of our very talented pupils who showed great skill and determination in all their games.

Cumann Na mBunscoil Mini 7s

Well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the Cumann Na mBunscoil Mini Sevens. Congratulations to our boys football team who won the East Limerick Final.



FAI 5 A- Side Soccer

Well done to all the 5th/6th class boys who really enjoyed the 5 a-side soccer blitz in Corbally.

Basketball

Our boys and girls teams have played two matches in the schools league so far. Well done to the boys on defeating St. Patricks and Roxborough N.S.

Tennis Coaching

Junior and Senior Infants will receive tennis coaching for 6 weeks after Easter. Gillian Mc Cormack will work with the children and all lessons will adhere to the Games Strand of the P.E. Curriculum. It will encourage the pupils to learn about fair play, co-operation and interaction with their peers.

3Km Fun /Walk

We are calling on the whole school community to support our upcoming fun walk . Please sponsor our pupils and /or participate yourself on the day: **Sunday 18th May 2014 at 11am.** This is our main fundraiser this year and it also forms part of our ongoing active school flag pursuit. The course will be 3km approx. starting and finishing at the school. An enjoyable day is sure to be had by all. Refreshments will be served in the school hall afterwards. **It is of the utmost importance that children taking part in the walk are accompanied by an adult to supervise them.**

Trip to Croke Park

As part of the GAA's Celebration of Go Games- Gaelic Games for Children, a National Blitz will take place

in Croke Park on Monday 14th April. The Lisnagry School hurling team has been invited to participate in the blitz. Each team will play 2/3 mini games over a 1hr period. There will also be an opportunity to tour the museum and stadium. This is a truly wonderful opportunity for the children to play in Croke Park.

Parents Numeracy Booklet

This booklet is nearing completion and will be available after Easter.

School Tours and Costs

The costs of the school tours for this year are outlined below. Should you wish to pay the cost in instalments, we would be happy to facilitate you. Should you have any difficulty in making the payment please don't 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 29th May. Cost €15

1st /2nd Classes are going to King Johns Castle and Shannon Leisure Centre on 22nd May. Cost €25

3rd /4th classes are going to Pure Skills and the Aquarium in Galway on 6th June. Cost €30

5th/6th Class are going to Lets Go Camp in Mallow and the Titanic Experience in Cork on 16th June. Cost €30

Whizzkids Programme

The WhizzKids I.T. Programme has commenced in 5th/6th Classes for 10 weeks. The children are really enjoying it. At present they are being given an introduction to practical,

word processing and presentation skills. This is very worthwhile as these practical applications can be applied in almost every career/ role in the students future. The last IT session will be on internet safety. It is very important that the children practice the skills they are learning at home as much as possible.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Bhi dánta, amhrain agus gníomhaíochtí chultúrtha eile ar siúl i ngach rang. Quizzes as gaeilge, seanfhocal and art competitions were just a few of the many activities which happened during seachtain na gaeilge. Our ceolchoirm, and ceili were the highlight of the week. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

School Calendar 2014/2015

We will return to school on Thursday 28th August 2014. The school calendar for the next academic year, once finalised will be available to view on our website. It will include a full list of all school closures and holidays.

Attendance

As always we remind you of the importance of your child attending school every day. By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments thus improving their chances of academic success.

Supervision

I wish to remind you that children are supervised from 9am to 9.20 am before school starts. Children who are on school grounds before 9am are not supervised..

Parking

Once again we would urge parents using the stop and drop to prioritise the safety of all the children. Please show patience and courtesy towards other drivers. This busy collection period in the evening does after all only last 10 minutes. Safety is paramount.

Easter Holidays

The school closes for our Easter Holidays on Friday 11th April at 12:30 p.m. and will reopen on Monday 28th April .

Le gach dea-ghuá

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