

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



June 2014

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School Motto*

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class pupils who made their First Holy Communion on 10th May in Ahane Church and to all the staff who were involved in preparing the children for this special day.

New Anti Bullying Policy

Our updated Anti Bullying policy was ratified by the B.O.M. on Monday 16th June. Thank you to the Parents and Staff who were involved in the updating of the policy. On Tuesday 3rd June Seán Fallon gave a presentation to staff, followed by a presentation to parents. He shared his expertise with us and advised us on how to ensure our school is a safe place for pupils, where bullying situations are dealt with promptly and effectively. Following this the staff reviewed and discussed the policy and on Tuesday 10th the Parents Association discussed the policy further in particular the 'reform not blame' approach. The new policy will be available to view on our website www.lisnagryns.ie.

Active School's Week

We organised a fantastic fun filled week of physical activities from the 12th – 18th May. It included skipping, zumba dancing, hoolahoopathon, frisbee golf, circuits and a pupils teachers soccer match. It was a very enjoyable week for everyone. This year we have made great progress in our pursuit of the active flag. We have evaluated the quality of our PE programme, co-curricular physical activity and sports programmes for our pupils. We will continue our efforts next year.

Sports Update

We have had great success this year on the sporting front winning East finals and County titles in football, hurling and camogie. It was a great year for athletics, soccer and basketball also. It is wonderful to see so many pupils involved in all the different activities and a huge thanks must go to the teachers who coach and train them weekly.



Well done to Tom Marsden selected to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland football final Sunday and to Andrew Shanahan who was selected to play in the primary game hurling.

Fun Walk a huge success!

Thanks to the whole school community for supporting our fun walk on Sunday 18th May. Thanks to everyone who sponsored the pupils also. A fantastic €5,700 was raised for the school. Thanks to the Parents Association for their help and support.

Cycling

The pupils of 5th and 6th classes participated in a 7km cycle trip on the 6th June.

Splash and dash

Well done to all our athletes who represented the school in this "duathlon" event.

Trip to Croke Park

As part of the GAA's Celebration of Go Games, 34 children from Lisnagry school participated in the National Blitz held in Croke Park on Monday 14th April. The children had a wonderful experience playing in our national stadium.

Quiz

Congratulations to our 6th class pupils who won the Castletroy and District Lions Club school quiz.

Parents Numeracy Booklet

This booklet is available to download from the Parents Tab on our website. It is hoped that the information in it will help you by giving an insight into the way number topics are being taught in school, making it easier to help your children with their homework. Also

included in the booklet are various ideas for maths activities that you can enjoy doing with your child, in the world away from school. We urge you to familiarise yourselves with it.

School Sports Day

Our annual school sports day will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 18th June.

Whizzkids Programme

The WhizzKids I.T. Programme in 5th/6th Classes has been a great success. The children really enjoyed it. They learnt practical, word processing and presentation skills, scratch programming and also internet safety. Sincere thanks to the Parent's Association who paid half the fee and many thanks to the families who paid the requested €20.

R.S.E Talk

Helen O Dea addressed the parents of 6th class on relationships and sexuality education on Monday 19th May and the children on the 20th May.

Bluestar Programme

Well done to our sixth class pupils who showcased their bluestar projects in the hall. The children were outstanding in their presentations and the skills and knowledge learned in the process was evident to all. On Wednesday 21st May, we welcomed Sean Kelly M.E.P into the school and he spoke with the children and answered their questions. He was overwhelmed by the amount of work the children had completed with their teachers on a variety of EU countries. He was treated to a handshake by the children to celebrate "Europe Day" Many thanks to Mr. Kelly for taking the time to visit us.

Annual School Reports/Book lists

The annual school reports and book lists for next year will be issued this week. Copies of the school book lists may also be downloaded from the website.

School Calendar 2014/2015

We will return to school on Thursday 28th August 2014. The school calendar for the next academic year, is now available to view on our website. It will include a full list of all school closures and holidays. Please respect the integrity of the calendar by not planning holidays when the school is open. We are obliged to inform the Education Welfare Officer when a child has missed 20 cumulative school days

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 23rd June. We especially wish our sixth class pupils all the best and every good wish as they transfer to their respective Post Primary School. All parents and guardians of sixth class pupils are invited to attend at 7.30p.m.

Board of Management

A Board of Management end of year report to parents is available to view on the website.

Book Swap

Our annual end of year book swap will take place on Tuesday 24th.

Summer Basketball Camp

A basketball camp will be held in Lisnagry school on the 18th, 19th and 20th August for the pupils of 3rd, 4th and 5th classes. Information from Ms Delaney.

Summer Holidays

The school closes for the Summer holidays on Wednesday 25th June at 12.30 and reopens on Thursday 28th August.

Finally on behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, I would like to thank you most sincerely for your constant support and the support of the Parent's Association and to wish you a pleasant summer break. Let's hope the weather behaves!
Le gach dea-ghu!

Michael Feeney

Principal