

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



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Parents Association

Thanks to every one who supported our fundraising initiatives so far this year. Our Cake sale at Halloween raised €1300 and our table quiz last month raised €1100. Thanks to our Parents Association for all their work in organising and running these events. This year we are working to upgrade our IT resources in the school. We hope to have 16 pupil laptops and a laptop trolley purchased and up and running before the end of this school year. Thanks to everyone for supporting our **Cash for Clobber Clothing Recycling scheme**. This is an ideal fundraising activity and there is no limit to the amount of bags the company will accept. Therefore, we are encouraging parents to also help by asking neighbours, family and colleagues etc to fill a bag.

National School's Modern Biathlon

Well done and congratulations to all the boys and girls who participated in the SSE Airtricity National School's Modern Biathlon held in UL. This is an exciting new competition whereby children do a swim and run and their times are converted to points. Our school had the highest team score at regional level and the



boys and girls won €300 worth of sports equipment for the school. Pentathlon Ireland are coming to present the cheque to the children during our December assembly. Well done to all the boys and girls on a fantastic achievement.

Hallelujah Concert

On Thursday 4th December 57 boys and girls from 4th, 5th and 6th classes had the opportunity to go to Citywest in Dublin to sing in this year's Hallelujah Concert. We were part of a choir of over 2,000 from all over Ireland. A special word of thanks must go to Ms Bourke and Ms Blake who worked very hard preparing our choir for the occasion. We were all delighted with how the children behaved and performed. They were a credit to our school. A great day was had by all!

County Football Champions

For the first time in the history of the school our boys football team have won the County shield. They defeated the city champions St. Nessan's N.S (Mungret) in the final played in U.L. In the semi-final they overcame the west champions Courtenay B.N.S of Newcastle West. We are so proud of all the players on a wonderful achievement. All the performances throughout the year were full of character and skill. The boys played as a

team throughout and their work rate was exemplary. They are deserving Limerick County football champions 14/15.

Friendship Week

We recently celebrated friendship week in the school. The students took part in a range of activities designed to promote friendship and respect towards others. Well done to all the pupils and staff who embraced friendship week with great enthusiasm and ensured it was a great success.

Carol Singing in Crescent

Members of the Hallelujah choir from Ms. Bourkes class went carol singing in the Crescent shopping centre last Monday 8th December from 12-2pm. They raised over €300 which will go towards funding our new laptops. Another group will sing carols in the Parkway shopping centre next Thursday and the proceeds will go to the homeless.

Upcoming Events

Homeless Collection

Many items of clothing have already been donated for the homeless. Donations will be accepted up to Wednesday 17th and we thank you.

St Vincent de Paul Collection

Thank you for your kind donations to date of non perishable food items for this very worthwhile cause.

A **Christmas Variety Show** will be held in Ahane club house on

the 28th December. Music by local artists. All proceeds will go to the school. We ask for your support.

Swimming

Second Class and Ms. Cahill's first class will commence swimming lessons in UL on Mondays from the 12th January to the 16th February 2015

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our annual P.T.M. are scheduled for Wed 21st and Thurs 22nd January 2015.

Book Fair. A book fair will be held in the school during the same week.

School Mass

We are having a School Mass for the children and the staff early in the new year.

Junior Entrepreneur

Our fifth class pupils will participate in this 10 week programme in the new year.

School Self-Evaluation

We will be asking for your assistance in completing a questionnaire on literacy and writing in January

Choral Afternoon

The children who sang in the Hallelujah concert will perform some of their songs for the school on Wednesday afternoon 17th at 2pm in the hall. Other classes will perform some carols also. Any parents who wish to do so are welcome to attend. The infants will sing at 1.45 before they go home.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12.30pm on the 19th December for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday the 5th January. As always, you have been hugely supportive of the school in all its endeavours and I would like to express my sincere appreciation. On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Nollaig Shona Daoibh go leir Mise le meas, Michael Feeney-School Principal