

# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



December 2015

*Tabhair Maith agus  
Geobhair Maith  
School Motto*

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**Board of Management**

Following our recent ballot to elect parent nominees to the new BOM, we wish to congratulate Mary Hassett and JC Farrell on their appointments. Thanks to all the parents who put their names forward and showed interest in becoming involved. The term of office of the new BOM commenced on December 1st. Many thanks to Gráinne Murphy and Kevin Donnellan for their wonderful service on the last Board.

**Board of Management  
2015-2019**

**Chairperson:** Noel Fox

**Secretary:** Michael Feeney

**Treasurer:** Colin Marsden

**Parent Nominees:**

Mary Hassett

JC Farrell

**Teacher Nominee:**

Sandra Delaney

**Community Nominees:**

Irene Hynes

Michael Tierney

**New Classrooms**

Building will commence on our two new classrooms in February. They will be built beside the school halla on the present junior yard. While we will do our utmost to minimise the disruption and have no impact on teaching and learning, certain areas of the school site will be out of



commission for the duration of the build. Undoubtedly these restrictions will present us all with a certain level of inconvenience. I ask in advance for your patience and understanding and I am sure that the huge benefits offered to us by this work will outweigh the short term disruption.

**County Football Runners-up**

Both our boys and girls teams have had a great year so far. Our girl's team were 12-a side East Limerick runners-up while our boys team were County finalists. The boys have reached the County final for the third successive year and it is a tremendous achievement. Both our boys and girls team are East Limerick Mini-Sevens winners and can look forward to the County series in the new year. They have really improved since the start of the year and much credit must go to all the coaches for training the teams and to all the parents for driving the children to matches.

**Green Flag**

Our Green schools committee have been working hard to achieve our third green flag for water conservation.

**Christmas Concerts**

Our Christmas concerts were a great success. Pupils demonstrated a very high standard both dramatically and musically. They were a credit to themselves, their parents and teach-

ers. All the weeks of rehearsals and planning came together to produce such great shows. It was a pleasure to enjoy the fruits of the input of pupils, teachers and parents. It was a tremendous team effort by all the school staff. Thanks to all the parents who donated prizes and to the PA for their help with the raffle. School calendars are available from reception.

**Upcoming Events**

**Novas 2015 Christmas Toy Appeal**

We welcome your support for this very worthwhile cause. A speaker from Novas visited the school and spoke with the pupils about their work. Donations will be accepted up until the holidays and we thank you.

**Swimming**

First Class and Fourth class will commence swimming lessons in UL on Mondays from the 11th January to the 15th February 2016

**Bizworld** Our fifth class pupils will participate in this entrepreneurial programme in the new year.

**Music Generation**

Lisnagry School will take part in this music programme after Christmas. The programme is directly linked to the curriculum and focuses on core skills building ie. Rhythm, pitch, tempo and other musical elements. The pupils will also be involved in composing a song and performing.

**Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Our annual P.T.M. are scheduled for Wed 20th and Thurs 21st January 2016.

**Robotics Workshop**

Fifth Class will participate in a 'Learn Robotics' workshop after Christmas. This is a 4 hour workshop which will introduce the pupils to the exciting world of robotics. The equipment is provided by Colmac Robotics and it is sponsored by Analog Devices.

**Rugby Coaching**

5th and 6th class pupils have the opportunity for some rugby coaching sessions in the new year. The sessions are all non contact and boys and girls can take part.

**After school Golf** LD Golf will run an after school programme in the new year. More details to follow in January

**School Self-Evaluation**

We will be asking for your assistance in completing a questionnaire on Gaeilge in January. This is our next focus and we will put an action plan in place to improve the teaching and learning. We are currently in year 1 of our literacy plan with the focus on writing genres.

**Christmas Cards**

As in previous years we hope to eliminate children swapping cards this year which can be expensive and upsetting for some children.

**Christmas Holidays**

The school will close at 12.30pm on the 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Wednesday the 6th 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