

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



Easter 2016

*Tabhair Maith agus
Geobhair Maith
School Motto*

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class Pupils who made their First Confession on 24th February. They are now busy preparing for their First Holy Communion which takes place on 14th May in Castleconnell Church. 6th Class are also busy preparing for their Confirmation on April 22nd.

Cumann Na mBunscoil Mini 7s

Well done to all our boys and girls Gaelic Footballers who have qualified to play in the Mini Sevens County series after Easter. The hurling and camogie Mini Sevens takes place this week.

Girls Indoor Camogie Winners

Congratulations to our girls indoor camogie team who defeated Crecora in the East Final. They will play in the county series this week. We wish them the best of luck.

FAI 5 A- Side Soccer

Well done to all the 5th/6th class boys and girls who really enjoyed the 5 a-side soccer blitz in Corbally. 52 children took part in the event at Sean Choill on February 25th. All the teams played very well, and enjoyed the experience.

Rugby Coaching

Kenneth McNamara of Munster rugby did some coaching sessions with the 5th and 6th class pupils. The girls will now participate in a lep rugby blitz in the next few weeks

Camogie Coaching

The Camogie Association are providing coaching to the boys and girls from 1st to 3rd class every Thursday. Paul Kennedy and Louis Quirk are also coaching the junior infants on Mondays.

The UL Sport Kids Run

The run will take place on Saturday 30th April. The cost of entry is €15 and € 5 of each entry fee will be donated to the child's primary school. All participants will receive a finishers medal and a t-shirt. It promises to be a great day out. You can register on line at www.greatlimerickrun.com



1916 Celebrations

March 15th has been designated by the DES as a special day dedicated to commemorating the 1916 Rising. We will begin proceedings with a special ceremony in which we will raise our National Flag. Some children will then read out the 1916 Proclamation. A Ceilí was a popular social event at the time of the 1916 rising and we are having a whole school commemorative Ceilí **The children will dress up in the attire of long ago.** The children will also play a hurling and football match representing the teams who played in the 1916 All-Ireland finals For the last few weeks and through April all the classes in the school are engaging in activities relating to 1916. In the Junior Classes a number of Grandparents will talk to the children about their childhood.

Give a Gúna Fundraiser

A fantastic social night out was had by all the ladies last Thursday at our 'Give a Gúna' Fundraiser. It was certainly an evening of fun and fashion and a whopping €4525.86 was raised. We are very grateful to our P.A. and the 'Give a Gúna' committee for their trojan work in making this a very successful event. Thanks to everyone who donated dresses, bags and prizes for the night. With the fundraising this year, we are hoping to upgrade our classroom laptops and get another laptop trolley for the pupils

School Tours and Costs

The costs of the school tours for this year are outlined below. The information is going out early in order to facilitate anybody who may wish to pay in instalments.. Should you have any difficulty in making the pay-

ment 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 Wednesday 1st June. Cost €15

3rd /4th classes are going to Birr Outdoor Education Centre, Birr Castle and Science Centre on Wednesday 1st June also. Cost €40

1st /2nd Classes are going to Adventure World Camps in U.L on Tuesday 31st May. Cost € 30

5th/6th Class are going to Ballyhass Lakes Activity Centre in Mallow, Co. Cork on Tuesday 31st May also. Cost €45

School Self Evaluation- Gaeilge

Thank you to all the parents who returned our Gaeilge questionnaire. Pupil focus groups and teachers provided feedback also. At present we are collating all data and we will prioritise areas for improvement. As a staff we are fully committed to raising the standard of Gaeilge in the school but we need your support also. Please see our website for links to help you improve your language skills. We will have our report and improvement plan in place by the end of this school year.

Whizzkids Programme

The Whizz Kids I.T. Programme will commence in 5th/6th classes for 10 weeks starting on Thurs 21st April. The children are really looking forward to it. This is very worthwhile as the practical applications they learn can be applied in almost every career/ role in the students future. It is very important that the children practice

the skills they are learning at home as much as possible.

Music Generation

The pupils from 3rd and 4th class have really enjoyed the Music Generation Workshops. They will join up with the participants from all the other schools involved on May 16th in UL where they will perform.

Robotics Workshop

The 5th class pupils really enjoyed participating in a robotics workshop on February 2nd. They learned all about robots and using lego they made vehicles. They then programmed them to move up a ramp using laptops. The winning team from the day also participated in the Analog Devices Robotics Competition and progressed to the quarter final stage. The children were rewarded for their team work and design. It was a real worthwhile event and they enjoyed the experience very much.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 4th to the 8th April. Quizzes as gaeilge, seanfhocals and art competitions are just a few of the many activities which will happen during seachtain na gaeilge. Our ceolchoirm, which takes place on the Friday will be the highlight of the week.

Green Schools We had a visit recently from Jayne Power from An Taisce who was very impressed with the pupils knowledge and interest in the water theme. Well done to the Committee for all their hard work.

School Calendar 2016/17

We will return to school on Tuesday 30th August. 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.

Graduation

The graduation mass for 6th class will be held on Thursday 23rd June

Easter Holidays

The school closes for our Easter Holidays on Wednesday 16th March at 12:30 p.m. and will reopen on Monday 4th April. We wish you all a very happy Easter
Le gach dea-ghu

Michael Feeney Principal