

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



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Health Promoting School

Thank you to all who attended our information evening on Health Promoting Schools. We have now formed a working group consisting of pupils and parents and we will put an action plan together. We look forward to keeping you updated .

Teacher and Parents Talk

We have invited Fergus Heffernan to come and talk to teachers and parents on the 24th January. The Parents talk is at 7pm. Fergus is renowned for his excellent workshops entitled **“Manage your life by managing your mind – creating resilience in tough challenging times”**. I would encourage you all to attend.

Meditation

We have recently undertaken a whole school meditation initiative. There are many benefits including improved attention and greater access to right-brain thinking. It reduces stress and also leads to improved coping strategies.

Yoga

5th and 6th classes have really enjoyed this experience. In just 6 weeks we have seen the many physical and mental benefits of this practice.

County Football Runners-up

Both our boys and girls teams have had a very successful year



so far. Our girls team reached the County final while our boys team won the East Limerick mini-sevens. We are very proud of these tremendous achievements.

**F.A.I Nursery Programme
And Hurling Coaching**

Our Junior Infants are really enjoying their soccer and hurling coaching this term.

Music Generation

Our Third and fourth class pupils are taking part in this music programme since September and the children are really enjoying it. It will culminate with a performance in UL with other schools next May.

Peace Proms Concert

Pupils from 5th and 6th class will perform in the Limerick Peace Proms Concert in the UL Sports Arena on Sunday 5th March at 8pm. This is a choir made up of 3,000 voices of children from primary schools in Limerick and around Ireland. Tickets are on sale from peaceproms.com

Science Week

Science week was a hive of activity in Lisnagry. Each class conducted experiments and displayed their findings. The week culminated in a whole school display in the school hall. All the classes viewed the displays and the children from each class were on hand to carry out experiments and explain find-

ings. Science week was lots of fun and everybody learned something new.

Upcoming Events

Novas 2016 Christmas Appeal

We welcome your support for this very worthwhile cause. This Christmas they have asked us to collect toiletries. 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 16th January to the 20th February 2016.

Junior Entrepreneur

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

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Our annual P.T.M. are scheduled for Wed 18th and Thurs 19th January 2016. You will be allocated a time after the Christmas holidays. A book fair will be held in the school during this week also

School Mass

We are having a School Mass for the children and staff next Wednesday 21st at 11:30 in the school hall.

Carol Singing in the Crescent

5th class and members of the peace proms choir will sing carols in the Crescent shopping centre on Monday next 19th from 10-12:30. All proceeds go to Pieta

House.

Choral Afternoon

The classes will perform some carols on Wednesday afternoon next 21st in the hall. Any parents who wish to do so are welcome to attend. We will begin with the infants at 1:45.

After school Golf

LD Golf will run an after school programme in the new year commencing on the 16th January

Little Makers lego Club

Christmas Camp on 29th and 30th December Call 0838513319

Gaeilge S.IP

Following our whole school evaluation, we now have a 3 year plan in place for improving Gaeilge in the school. It is available to view on the website.

Parents Literacy Booklet

Each of you will receive a copy of our literacy booklet with this newsletter. It contains many useful tips for parents in supporting your child's literacy. I would strongly urge you to read through it giving particular attention to the comprehension section. Many children can read fluently and accurately but may lack understanding of what they are reading It is therefore worth studying the section on questioning (page 80) and using these suggestions when reading with your child.

Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12.30pm on the 22nd December for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday the 9th 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