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Scoil Lios na Groí

Lisnagry National School



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Dear Parents,

Sincere thanks to you for your co-operation with all our Covid19 procedures to date. All schools have been instructed to retain all Covid19 procedures until further notice. It is great to see activities and initiatives returning slowly to schools including swimming, Cumann na mBunscol, Science Blast and Peace Proms. We are currently planning for school tours in the hope that covid restrictions will have abated by Term 3. We have designated Tuesday 31st May and Wednesday 1st June as our school tour dates. In order to book buses we need to have an idea of numbers. If you know that your child will not be available please email the office.

Yesterday we took part in “Safer Internet Day” at school. As part of Barnardos digital offering, they deliver webinars about online safety to parents. These free 45-minute parent webinars are delivered live by a Barnardos trainer. The next webinar takes place tomorrow Thursday, 8th February at 7.30pm. Further webinars take place in February and March. You may register for the webinar of your choice by following the link below. There are many wonderful free resources on their website, and I would urge you all to take the time to browse these.

<https://www.barnardos.ie/learning-development/training/online-safety-programme/for-parents>

There is also great advice and information under the parent tab at the following link.

<https://www.webwise.ie/saferinternetday/>


We look forward to celebrating reading during “Book Fair Week” which will take place in school from the 16th to the 23rd February. Our pupils in all classes will be given the opportunity to browse and buy at the book fair. Every book that is bought can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school and class libraries. We always encourage our pupils to read for pleasure. Book Fair Week is a very enjoyable week in school for the children. It affords them the opportunity and time to look through books of their own choosing.

We will also celebrate “World Book Day” on Thursday 3rd March. This is always a great day for the children where they can dress up as their favourite book, book character, author and be as creative as they want!

The Lunch Bag service is now up and running in our school. It is a children’s healthy school lunch delivery service. By downloading it’s app, families can order lunches for their children which is delivered fresh to the school each day. Please visit <https://www.thelunchbag.ie/use-the-app/>

We are pleased to announce the establishment of a new Student Council with members from 3rd to 6th Class. The role of the Student Council is to undertake initiatives of benefit to the school and the wider community. Their aim is to provide students with a voice and to play an integral and important role in the school community. Currently they are supporting with the distribution of The Lunch Bag service and they are helping to promote and organise this years Book Fair.

The Amber Flag Initiative is all about promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in school. Our Wellbeing Committee are working hard to ensure the whole school works together to achieve this. We have already completed two out of our three goals. Our third goal is running a monthly initiative that all



the classes practice. Members of the committee announce these over the intercom on the first Friday of each month and classes can discuss the meaning of it. This month we are working on having 'A Fit and Fab February'.

Our second class pupils will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 21st May at 1pm in Castleconnell Church. Our sixth class pupils will be confirmed on Saturday 7th May at 11am in Castleconnell Church.

Please note that we will be closing for a half day school closure on Wednesday 16th March for teacher's inservice day for the Primary Language Curriculum implementation. As per our school calendar we will be closed on Thursday and Friday 17th & 18th March for St. Patrick's bank holiday weekend.

Our school will be closed for Mid Term break on the 24th and 25th of February. We will re-open on Monday 28th February.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

MICHAEL FEENEY

Principal