



Dear Parents,

It has been a busy start to the new term with lots happening in Lisnagry N.S. I am writing to keep you informed about a number of issues.

### **Healty Eating Policy**

As parents and educators, we are all very conscious of the importance of our children's diet and how it impacts on their health, development and wellbeing. Children spend a significant part of the day in school and therefore it is very important that they eat healthy nutritious lunches. Our wellbeing team are currently reviewing our Healthy Eating Policy. This forms part of our Wellbeing Promotion Process. Please find attached our draft policy. We would welcome parent and carers feedback on this. Please use the link in Aladdin message to give feedback.

### **School Uniform**

The school asks each child to wear our school uniform. This is very beneficial to the children as it encourages children to develop a sense of responsibility and belonging.

Also, in the interest of safety, jewellery should be kept to a minimum. We have seen an increase in long earrings and bracelets. We don't recommend them as they can catch in clothes during playtime and cause injury. Apart from the potential danger, the school cannot take responsibility for personal property brought to school.

Make-up of any description or false nails/eyelashes are not permitted in school.

Please note that Match Attax cards or other trading cards are not allowed in the school as it can cause upset amongst children.

As a general "rule of thumb", items that are either an unnecessary distraction or a potential danger to oneself/another child, should not be brought to school.

### **School Calendar 2023/24**

We will return to school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The school calendar for 2023/24 will be finalised and available this week. It will include a full list of school closures and holidays.

### **Upcoming School Closures**

- Please note that the school will close for a half day at 12.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to facilitate a staff webinar CPD in the P.L.C.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St. Patrick's Day
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – School closing for Easter Holidays at 12.30pm.

### **Internet Safety Talk**

Thanks to all our parents who made the effort to attend our internet safety talk with Zeeko. It was an extremely valuable, informative evening and feedback was very positive.

### **Book Fair 2023**

Sincere thanks for supporting our recent Book Fair. We hope the children are enjoying reading their new books. The school receives 60% book rewards of all purchases made. Thanks to your generous support we are due to receive €2,533.80 worth of library books in the coming weeks. This money will be used to update class libraries.

### **World Book Day**

We will celebrate **World Book Day tomorrow, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Each child is invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. The children will take part in various activities throughout the day incorporating reading and books.

### **Peace Proms**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who represented our school at the Peace Proms in UL on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It was a fantastic show and a great experience for the children to perform with a full symphony orchestra. Well done to all involved.

### **School Teams**

Well done to our indoor hurling and camogie teams who have reached the East indoor hurling finals.

After school hurling, camogie and basketball training for our senior pupils will commence next week.

We also wish our chess team the best of luck tomorrow in the Ficheall Chess Tournament.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

We look forward to Seachtain na Gaeilge later this month. We will have a Ceoilchoirm and Céilí as we celebrate our culture and language.

Yours sincerely,

**MICHAEL FEENEY**

Principal