

LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



Easter 2023

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School Motto*

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The school twitter account is an ideal way to get a flavour of what is happening in the school or to learn about events that may be of interest.

Sacraments

Congratulations to our Second Class Pupils who made their First Confession on Tuesday 21st March. They are now busy preparing for their First Holy Communion which takes place on 27th May in Castleconnell Church. 6th Class are also busy preparing for their Confirmation which takes place on Friday 28th April. They really enjoyed their retreat last week. Thanks to Grainne McConnell and all the facilitators for a fabulous two days.

Indoor Hurling/Camogie

Congratulations to our 3rd and 4th class boys who won the County Indoor hurling maintaining the great tradition Lisnagry have in this competition. Another fantastic achievement and we are very proud of the team. All their hard work has paid off. Great credit is due to their coach Mr Raftery. Our girls team deserve a special mention also for representing the school very well and progressing to the East final. Lisnagry Abú!

FAI 5 A-Side Soccer

Our 5th and 6th class pupils had a fantastic day representing our school in the FAI 5-a-side competition in Corbally. On a cold and rainy day, all of the boys and girls had great fun and enjoyment in their games. We are very proud of all their efforts and wish the teams that progressed to the next group phase the best of luck.

Basketball

Our 6th class pupils are really enjoying the after school coaching and both girls and boys teams had a great win in their first matches.



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 payment 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 Tuesday 23rd May Cost €25

1st and 2nd Classes are going to Turoe Pet Farm in Galway on Wednesday 7th June. Cost €25

3rd and 4th classes are going to Active Kingdom in Castleisland in Kerry on Wednesday 7th June. Cost €40

5th/6th Class are going to Redhills Adventure Centre in Kildare on Thursday 8th June. Cost €40

Groovy Hands Drum Workshop

Our pupils really enjoyed their drumming instruction time focusing on rhythm and beat. They had so much fun along the way

Féile Fichille Chess Tournament

We are proud to promote chess playing within the school. Chess provides another platform for our pupils to represent the school. Our chess team had a brilliant time in Bruff at the Féile Fichille. 16 pupils participated, each playing 6 rounds of chess. Well done to all the boys and girls who showed great respect and gamesmanship throughout the tournament.

Robotics Workshop

5th Class participated in the Analog Devices Primary Schools Robotics this week. Learn It facilitated a

Robotic workshop and the winning team from the school will participate in the competition final.

Digital Learning Plan

As part of our digital learning plan, all classes engaged in coding in term 2. Juniors and Seniors did simple coding with beebots. 1st class created animations with scratch junior on the ipads. 2nd to 4th class coded their lego creations using WeDo. 5th and 6th class used Lego Spike Prime. Lots of classes used the ipads and chromebooks to showcase and support their learning. 1st to 6th class also engaged with online safety activities. Our pupils love developing their digital skills.

Gaeilge

During this school year 22/23 we are reviewing our Gaeilge School Improvement Plan. Our focus is Teanga Ó Bhéal (oral language) in Irish. We are promoting this through playful, collaborative and engaging opportunities to practice conversing with each other through Irish. We use phrases of the week in each class and encourage children to use Gaeilge informally outside of the Gaeilge lesson. Beatha teanga í a labhairt.

Wellbeing

As part of the SSE process for improving well-being in our school community, we have created staff and pupil focus groups to identify areas for improvement. A parent focus group will be created in term 3. When all the feedback is collated, a priority area will be identified. The review of our Healthy Eating policy was also undertaken as part of this process. This is being conducted in consultation with pupils, parents and staff.

Science Blast

Our 4th class pupils have been busy preparing their project for the ESB Science Blast 2023. On Tuesday 23rd

May they will present their project in MIC. They have really enjoyed their investigations around electricity. Let's hope we have some budding future scientists in 4th Class. Well done to you all on the great work!

RSE Talk

Helen O Dea will address the parents of 6th Class Pupils on Relationships and Sexuality Education on Wednesday 10th May at 7pm and the children on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th May.

A Moving on Up Primary to Secondary Transition Programme will be held for our 6th Class Pupils on Monday 29th May

Zeeko 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 hugely positive. Please see <https://zeeko.ie/advice-hub/> for information on the presentation.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge last week. Our ceili mór, ceolchoirm and rás na stampaí were just some of the many activities that happened. Well done to our grúpa ceoil who entertained us all during the ceolchoirm. I wish to thank you for your generosity in responding to our Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. In total our lá glas raised €1,655.

School Books 2023/24

A new schoolbooks scheme will be introduced for the 2023/24 school year to all primary schools. Parents will no longer be required to make any contribution towards the cost of schoolbooks. All schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided by the school.

School Calendar 2023/24

We will return to school on Wednesday 30th August 2023. The school calendar is available to view on our website.

School Closures next term

Monday 1st May Bank Holiday
Friday 2nd June, Monday 5th June – Long Bank Holiday weekend.

Easter Holidays

The school closes for our Easter Holidays this Friday 31st March at 12:30 p.m. (12:20 for infants) and will reopen on Monday 17th April. We wish you all a very happy Easter.

Le gach dea-ghuí,
Michael Feeney