

# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS



December 2023

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School Motto*

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## Board of Management

Our new Board of Management members assumed office on 1st December. They are as follows:  
Noel Fox - Chairperson  
Colin Marsden - Patron Nom  
Michael Feeney - Secretary  
Seacailín Glynn - Parent Nom  
Bill McElroy - Parent Nom  
Eimear Carroll - Teacher Nom  
Michael Tierney - Comm Nom  
Irene Hynes - Comm Nom

## Parents Association

Thank you to everyone for your support with our last fundraising initiative, the Christmas Fair. A wonderful €4,800 was raised. For Christmas our Parents Association have organised 2024 School Calendars. Thanks for your support.

## NOVAS Christmas Appeal

We are delighted with your generous support for our Novas appeal. It is such a worthwhile charity and a wonderful lesson for children in our school. Our colours day for the **Gavinn Glynn Foundation** raised €1,874.10.

## Science Week 2023

Our school was a hive of activity celebrating science week. Each class conducted experiments and displayed their findings. The week culminated with our whole school science fair on Friday. All the classes viewed the displays in the hall and the children were on hand to carry out experiments and explain the findings. Science week saw our pupils exploring, designing, hypothesising



and working together on various science projects. It was a great success.

## County Mini-Sevens Final

A huge well done to our girls Football Team who represented the school so well at the County Mini Sevens Final in Rathkeale. The girls put in a fantastic performance throughout and finished runners-up on the day. We are very proud of ye.

## Wellbeing Improvement Plan

We have used the School Self Evaluation process to support the introduction and implementation of the school wellbeing framework, where we will focus on the setting up and embedding of wellbeing initiatives in our school. This report and improvement plan is available to view on our website.

## Upcoming Events: Christmas Choral Afternoon

The children will sing carols on Wednesday and Thursday 20th and 21st December. To accommodate everyone we would ask families with surnames A-L to come on Wednesday and families with surnames M-Z on the Thursday.

## Food Dudes

The Food Dudes Healthy eating programme will run again for the whole school for one week starting on 8th January. Please be mindful of our healthy eating policy and in particular that only small treats are permitted on Fridays. We would kindly ask that you would avoid send-

ing in sweets to mark your child's birthday.

Our **Peace Proms** Choir will perform in the Peace Proms Concert in UL on Sat 27th January. This promises to be a great experience for them.

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will have a book fair in the school from the 7th to the 14th February 2024. We appreciate your support as the school receives a percentage of total sales back in books for our school libraries.

## Science Blast

Our 4th class pupils will display a class project at the ESB science blast in UL on the week of 21st to 23rd May 2024.

**Swimming** Third and Fourth class will commence swimming lessons in UL in the new year.

## Grandparents Day

As part of Catholic Schools Week Celebrations we are having Grandparents Day on Friday 2nd February. This is to show appreciation for the contribution they make to their grandchildren's lives. The grandparents of junior and senior infants are invited in for a cup of tea and a chat on the Friday 2nd at 12:30.

Our school will take part in the **Féile Fichille Chess Tournament** on the 1st March.

## SPHE-RSE

In accordance with our revised SPHE policy, the RSE programme will be taught next term. RSE is an integral part of SPHE and must be taught in all classes.

The policy is available to view on our website and I would urge you to do so. You will receive a letter with further details after Christmas.

## Primary Schools Robotics

**Competition** - Our fifth class pupils will take part in the Analog Devices Robotics competition. A workshop will be held in Term 2 and a team will be selected to go forward to participate in the final.

## Annacotty Weir Project

Our 5th and 6th class pupils will participate in the IFI's "Something Fishy" education programme which teaches children about life in our rivers and why it is important to conserve and protect them. We hope to facilitate a field trip to the Mulcair river to see firsthand the fish and insect life that live there.

## The Care Aware Crew

In Term 2, our third and fourth class pupils will pilot a Care Aware Crew programme teaching First Aid/life skills using a suite of high quality child friendly video lessons. These have been produced in consultation with local HSE consultants, doctors and nurses. This programme was nominated for an Irish Healthcare award last year.

**Enrolment** If you have a child starting school in September 2024 please notify the school asap.

**School Closure** - Our school will be closed on **17th January** to facilitate a maths seminar on the new primary maths curriculum.

## Christmas Holidays

The school will close at **12pm** on Friday 22nd December. We will reopen on Monday 8th 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 léir  
Mise le meas,

**Michael Feeney**