



# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

## Summer 2025



**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2024/2025 school year. This edition marks the conclusion of what has been a very busy, successful, and positive year here at Lisnagry.

As we reflect on the past months, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the many achievements and milestones we have collectively reached. From academic progress to sporting triumphs, creative endeavours to community events, our school has continued to flourish thanks to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils and the unwavering support of you, our parents.

Thank you for journeying with us this year. We hope you enjoy this final glimpse into the life of our school before we all take a well-earned summer break.

### **School Highlights**

#### **Celebrating Sacraments**

Warmest congratulations to our Second Class pupils who received their First Holy Communion on May 18th. Their preparation and participation on the day was truly exceptional. The beautiful readings, heartfelt singing and reverent atmosphere made the Mass a memorable and meaningful occasion. We extend our sincere thanks to the First Class parents and our Parents' Association for organising and hosting the lovely celebration back at the school. Your support and generosity helped make the day even more special for our Communion children and their families.

#### **Scholastic Book Fair Success!**

The Scholastic Book Fair took place from May 12th to 19th and it was a fantastic success! A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Student Council for their invaluable support in running the event. Thanks to the enthusiasm and participation of our school community, the fair generated valuable rewards with every sale. These funds will go directly toward purchasing new books for our school library, helping to inspire a lifelong love of reading in our students.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Sporting Round-Up – Term 3 Highlights**

Term 3 proved to be another action-packed and successful term for Lisnagry on the sporting front.

#### **Girls Basketball Victory**

A massive congratulations to our girls' basketball team who emerged victorious in the Division 2 Final, defeating Scoil an Spiorad Naomh. This fantastic achievement is a true testament to their dedication, teamwork and perseverance. Well done, girls!

#### **City Sports Success**

Kudos to all our talented athletes who represented Lisnagry with pride and determination at the City Sports in UL. A special congratulations to our boys' team who won their category—an outstanding performance all around!



## Hurling Heroes

Our boys' hurling team also had a phenomenal term, winning the Cumann na mBunscol East Limerick Final and progressing to the Leader Cup Final. Although they narrowly missed out on the cup by just one point, their grit, determination and sportsmanship were second to none.

Well done to all our students and coaches for their incredible efforts this term—Lisnagry is proud of you all!



## Active School Week

We are having a fantastic and fun-filled Active School Week! It's been wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and getting active. The taster sessions were a huge hit and as always, Sports Day was a major highlight.

We're all looking forward to the highly anticipated Staff vs Pupils soccer match on Friday — it promises to be another exciting event! We're especially delighted that Fr. James will be joining the teachers' team for the match — a real coup!

## Science Blast Success!

A huge congratulations to our brilliant 4th Class pupils who showcased their project at Science Blast in the University of Limerick! Their investigation posed the fascinating question: **"Is it possible to create a lifesaving device using science in primary school?"**

The pupils demonstrated outstanding teamwork, scientific curiosity and creativity throughout their project. We are so proud of their dedication and innovation—well done to everyone involved!

## Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Our 5th class pupils took part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this year. It truly opened their minds to the excitement and creativity of running a business. Their product – *Mystery Sweet Bags* – was a huge success!

The students brought their idea to life through every stage of the entrepreneurial journey: from brainstorming and market research to product design and development. The final product was a colourful, hand-designed lucky bag filled with a mix of sweets and a collectible character – a combination that proved to be a real hit!

Sales took off when the Mystery Sweet Bags launched in school in early Term 3. The pupils experienced first-hand the rewards of teamwork, innovation and enterprise. A fantastic learning experience all round!

## Class Tours /Field Trips/ Educational Events

Term 3 saw all classes enjoy school tours to the Aquadome/ Wetlands, UL activity centre, Free Range kids and the Fun Academy.

Other field trips included visits to the Burren, King John's Castle, MIC workshops, An Post and Edward Life Sciences. These outings were not only fun and engaging for students, but they also play a vital role in their learning.

Educational trips help bring classroom lessons to life, spark curiosity and encourage a deeper understanding of the world around them. They promote social skills, teamwork and independence, while giving students the chance to explore new environments and experiences beyond the school setting.

6th class had a secondary school transition workshop with Pat Forde. He taught them new skills to help deal with potential bullying situations and skills to help build and maintain friendships.

Our whole school had an amazing time during the **Groovy Hands Drum Workshop** with Dave Morrissey! The energy, rhythm and fun were absolutely contagious. Students and staff alike were fully engaged, learning through music and movement in a way that brought everyone together. A truly memorable experience.





## Notices

### Booklists

As you may already know, the government has confirmed that the **Free Primary School Books Scheme** will continue for the upcoming school year. This means that you **do not need to purchase school books, workbooks or copybooks** for your child. All materials provided under this scheme are on loan and **must be returned** to the school at the end of the academic year in good condition.

Please note that while core learning materials are covered under this scheme, there are still **school fees** due in September to cover the cost of:

- Art and craft materials
- Photocopying
- Insurance
- Digital licences and other classroom resources

Unfortunately, the cost of these items has **increased significantly in recent years** and we appreciate your continued support in covering these essential expenses.

Your child's **stationery list will be shared with you via Aladdin.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

### Bí Cineálta

We are very proud to introduce Bí Cineálta our new Anti-Bullying Policy. A sincere thank you to everyone who provided feedback—your input was invaluable. We look forward to formally adopting the policy at our final Board of Management meeting next week.

This policy aligns fully with national guidelines and procedures and it reflects the voices of our pupils, parents and staff. A child-friendly version has also been developed and will be displayed throughout the school and included in next year's homework journal.

### New Entrants

We held an induction evening for the parents of our new Junior Infants on Tuesday 10th June. It was a pleasure to meet all the boys and girls and we look forward to welcoming them to Lisnagry in August.

We have also recently began work on repurposing Classroom 5 for our new special class. This is an exciting development for our school community and we are eagerly looking forward to this new beginning.

### Sensory Playground Project

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts for the development of our new sensory playground space. Your generosity and encouragement mean so much to us. We hope to begin work on the project in the near future. Once completed, this will be a fantastic addition to our school grounds and a valuable enhancement to the modern facilities we are proud to offer our pupils.



## Cúinne na Gaeilge

A Chairde,

Beatha is sláinte chugaibh agus beannachtaí na féile oraibh ar fad. Friends, greetings to you all, the blessings of the season to everyone. Ní chreidimid go bhfuil laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh buailte linn cheana féin. We can't believe that the Summer Holidays are here already. Bhí am den chéad scoth ag Coiste na Gaeilge i mbliana. The Coiste na Gaeilge had a great year this year.

Bhaineamar ár gcéad chéim den scéim amach i mbliana – 'An Teastas' agus beimid ag dul ar son na brataí an bhliain seo chugainn. We achieved our first step of the scheme this year – 'The Certificate' agus next year we will be going for the Flag.

D'oibrigh an Coiste go dian díograiseach don bhliain ar fad ag eagrú imeachtaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge, ag tabhairt amach frásaí na seachtaine do na ranganna gach seachtain, ag cóiméad Zón na Gaeilge suas chun dáta agus ag spreagadh Mhuintir na Scoile chun a gcuid Gaeilge a úsáid timpeall na scoile an t-am ar fad. They worked tirelessly all year, organising events for Seachtain na Gaeilge, giving out the Frásaí weekly to each class, keeping the Zone na Gaeilge up to date and motivating the school community to use their Gaeilge around the school all the time.

Bail ó Dhia oraibh Coiste na Gaeilge 2024-2025. Well done Coiste na Gaeilge 2024 – 2025. Beidh Coiste nua againn an bhliain seo chugainn. We will have a new Coiste next year.

Idir seo agus sin bódh samhradh deas sábháilte agaibh ar fad. Between then and now have a lovely, safe summer. Seo cúpla frása deas as Gaeilge daoibh Here's some phrases as Gaeilge for you all.

- Tá an samhradh buailte linn, buíochas le Dia – Summer is here, thanks be to God.
- Mothú an tSamhraidh amháin! Summer Vibes only!
- Uachtar Reoite nócha naoi le do thoil. A 99 Ice-cream please.

Go dtí an chéad nuacht litir agus scoilbhliain eile. Beir Bua, tabhair aire agus slán go fóill. Until the next newsletter and school year. Good luck, take care and bye.



## Graduation Message

It's that time of year again when we must bid a fond farewell to our 6th Class students. Over the past eight years, we've had the privilege of watching these young people grow, learn and flourish here in Lisnagry. It has been a joy to share in their laughter, achievements and many memorable moments.

As they prepare to begin a new chapter in secondary school, we know they will carry with them the values and friendships they've built here. Their new schools are very lucky to welcome such kind, respectful and enthusiastic students.

We would like to thank all of 6th Class for their involvement in the many initiatives and programmes they've supported over the years. Your contributions have made a lasting impact on our school community.

We now look forward to their Graduation Ceremony on **Monday night next**, where we will gather to celebrate their time in Lisnagry and mark this important milestone together.

To the parents and families who are concluding their time with us at Lisnagry NS, we offer our heartfelt thanks. Your generosity, support and commitment have been deeply appreciated.

We wish all our graduates the very best in their future endeavours. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams!

**Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.**





## Well Done!

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in extra-curricular activities this year and proudly represented our school at so many events. A huge thank you goes to the dedicated staff who generously give their time after school to make these opportunities possible.

Not every child will reach the highest heights in sport, drama, art, music or academics—but every child is unique, with their own personality and talents.

Congratulations to all those who greeted us each day with a warm smile, a cheerful “slán” on the way home and a willingness to take on daily tasks with enthusiasm. You have brightened the days of everyone around you.

You are the true Lisnagry success stories and you make us incredibly proud!



## Summer Holidays



As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Parent Body, Parents Association, Board of Management and Student Council. The support of these key stakeholders is invaluable in helping us progress the development of our school. We deeply appreciate the time, dedication and encouragement you have given throughout the 2024/25 school year.

I feel truly fortunate to lead such a committed and hardworking staff and I am grateful for their ongoing support. A special mention must go to our wonderful school secretary, Fiona, whose tireless work keeps everything running smoothly—she truly is the backbone of our daily operations.

It is a true team effort across all members of our school community and I thank each one of you for your contribution.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. May you all have the chance to relax and recharge before we come together again. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when the school reopens on Thursday, 28th August.

