



LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

October 2025



Welcome Note

As the autumn leaves fall and the days grow shorter, excitement is building for Halloween here at Lisnagry NS! This time of year is always filled with creativity, fun and a touch of magic as our students embrace the festive spirit. In this edition of our newsletter, you'll find details about our upcoming events and important dates for your diary. Have a look at some of the activities that have taken place during the first half term!

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you all enjoy the Midterm break.

School Highlights

Maths Week All classes in the school celebrated Maths Week from 13th–17th October 2025, and the whole school was a hive of activity! Pupils engaged in fun, interactive, and collaborative maths activities, making learning enjoyable and exciting for all.

A highlight this year was the Maths Hat Event, where everyone was asked to design and create a Maths Hat. The creativity on display was fantastic — we saw everything from packs of cards to clocks, from GAA scorelines to times tables. Truly magnificent work all round!

To top it off, we held a lively Maths Hat Parade in the halla, where pupils proudly showcased their creations.

Well done and congratulations to all our pupils for your enthusiastic participation in Maths Week 2025. Maith sibh!

Cumann na mBunscoil Football Finals A huge congrats to our girls and boys football teams who won their East Limerick finals this week. This is the 2nd consecutive year they have completed the double. We are very proud of both teams who represented the school so well and will now go on to compete in the county series after Midterm. Thanks to their coaches and parents for all their support.

Our New Outdoor Sensory Playground Is Complete! We are absolutely thrilled to share that our new outdoor sensory space and playground has been fully completed this week!

Our sensory playground features a *multi-spinner carousel, nest swing, 4 way springer, in-ground trampoline, and an inclusive triple-tower play structure.*

This wonderful new space provides our pupils with vital opportunities for sensory regulation, social interaction, and physical development — areas that are often under-supported in traditional play settings. By addressing the unique needs of our pupils, we hope to reduce stress and behaviours of concern while enhancing learning outcomes and overall wellbeing.

We are genuinely excited about the positive impact this outdoor space will have on the daily life of our school. It truly highlights the strength of our school community and stands as a wonderful reminder of what we can accomplish when we work together.

We extend our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors and to everyone who contributed their time, effort, and support in making our new playground and sensory space a reality. This achievement is something our whole community can be proud of!



Open Night Success! We were absolutely delighted to welcome parents and pupils to our School Open Night last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our incredible school to prospective families and to share all that makes our community so special.

The evening included tasters of the many programmes and initiatives our school has to offer, giving visitors a real sense of the engaging and supportive learning environment we provide.

We are especially proud of our 6th Class pupils, who took the lead in guiding parents around the school. Their smiling faces, confidence, and enthusiasm truly captured the spirit of our school community.

Well done and thank you to everyone who helped make the evening such a success!

School Development

Child Protection Our BOM has completed the annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement and it is available to view on our website or in the school office. Ms. Eimear Carroll is our Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection in our school. Please note that all staff members are mandated child protection officers. New Child Protection Procedures have just been updated and published. There will be whole staff training on November 14th. Schools shall adopt the updated procedures no later than their last meeting prior to 31 December 2026.

Bí Cineálta Annual Review The Board of Management of Lisnagry National School confirms that the board of management's annual review of the school's Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour and its implementation was completed at the board of management meeting on 21st October 2025. This review was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education's Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

Gaelbhratach We as a school are excited to begin our second year of being actively involved in the Gaelbhratach initiative. Gaelbhratach is a nationwide scheme that aims to provide opportunities to all pupils, to speak Gaeilge outside the formal classroom setting in natural and fun ways. Last year we worked hard to achieve our certificate status and this year we are focusing on achieving The Gaelbhratach Flag. To do this we will be implementing some fun incentives into our school life. We plan on using methodologies such as; **cluichí teanga**—language games, **cluichí chlóis** – yard games, **seisiúin scéalaíochta** – story time, **scéim na gcomhráidithe** – a buddy system, **Gaeilge agus ábhar eile** – teaching another subject through Gaeilge and **Gaeilge lasmuigh den scoil** – working with an outside agency to promote Gaeilge. Through all these incentives we hope to achieve The Gaelbhratach Flag. We look forward to sharing our good news with you all towards the end of the year— Le Cúnamh Dé – hopefully!

Wellness Improvement Plan As part of our Wellbeing Improvement Plan this year, we are focusing on two key areas: inclusion and pupil voice. We are delighted to share that our school has been chosen as a pilot school by the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) for their new pupil voice initiative, CREATE.

This stands for: Choice | Relationships | Environment | Assume Competence | Time | Empower

This initiative aims to ensure that every pupil's voice is heard, respected, and valued in a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. As part of this work, we are seeking your input to help us understand how we can further strengthen meaningful pupil voice and inclusion across our school community. We will be sending you a Google Form shortly to gather your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback is an important part of this process, and we greatly appreciate your time and contribution to this vital aspect of our school's development.

Cúinne na Gaeilge

Beatha is sláinte, a chairde, (Hello Friends) Fáilte go dtí cúinne na Gaeilge. (Welcome to the Gaeilge corner) Bhí cúpla seachtain gnóthach againn. (We had a busy few weeks) Bhunaigh muid ár gcoiste. (We founded our committee) Tá páistí ó ghach rang ar an gcoiste. (There are children from every class on the committee)

Táimid ag obair ar doirse na scoile a mhaisiú le maisiúcháin Oíche Shamhna faoi láthair agus frásaí na seachtaine a spreagadh sna ranganna. (We are working on decorating the doors of our school with Halloween decorations and promoting the frásaí na seachtaine in the classes, at the moment)

Seo cúpla frása deasa daoibh don bhriseadh. (Here's some nice phrases for you all for the break)

- Beannachtaí na Féile daoibh – Enjoy the season's celebrations.
- Tá mé ag dul amach ag bob nó bia – I am going out trick or treating.
- Is breá liom Oíche Shamhna – I love Halloween.

Go dtí an chéad nuachtlitir eile, slán go fóill (Until the next newsletter bye)

Ár gCoiste do Ghaelbhratach



Notices

Parents' Association Many thanks to everyone who attended our Parents Association meeting. All parents and guardians are members of our Parents Association. The Committee needs as much help as possible from the parents. The work that they do is tremendous and benefits our children so much. Thank you to the outgoing committee and well done for all the hard work. I look forward to another successful year working together.

Drop-Off and Collection Procedures We kindly ask all parents and guardians to take great care during drop-off and collection times. Parking around any school can be challenging, especially on wet days, and safety remains our number one priority. We greatly appreciate your patience and courtesy in helping everything run smoothly.

To ensure the safe and efficient operation of our Stop and Drop facility, please take note of the following reminders:

- Always drive to the front door end of the Stop and Drop area before stopping, where possible.
- Children should enter and exit the school using the railed pathway provided.
- Do not park or leave your vehicle unattended in the Stop and Drop zone at any time.

We are very fortunate to have our Stop and Drop facility, along with a new pedestrian crossing and footpath outside the school – all designed with your child's safety as our primary concern.

Please ensure that children only cross the road at the pedestrian crossing outside the school gates. Crossing the main road or the small roundabout at any other point is extremely dangerous, particularly during busy drop-off and collection times.

We would also urge you to show courtesy to our neighbours and local residents by refraining from obstructing driveways or entrances to their properties. Your consideration helps maintain positive relationships within our community and ensures safe, respectful use of the surrounding area.

Together, let's continue to model and encourage safe and respectful behaviour by reminding every child to always use the designated crossing. Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and commitment to keeping all our pupils safe.



Important Dates

Thursday 23rd Oct – The children are invited to dress up (optional) for some **Halloween fun!** We will have a **Witches Walk** parade on Thursday morning showcasing all the costumes. Our Annual **Halloween Cake sale** will take place on Thursday 23rd October.

Midterm: Closing on Thursday **October 23rd** and reopening on Monday **November 3rd**.

Parent Teacher Meetings: P/T meetings will take place the **week of November 17th** (Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th). Dates and times will be available to book on A1addin after the mid-term break.

School Closure Friday 14th November – Whole staff training on new child protection procedures.

Christmas Fair – Save the date – December 7th

Christmas choral afternoon – Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December starting at 12pm in the halla.

Some Upcoming Events

- Féile Ficheall Chess Tournament – After Christmas, our sixth class students will take part in this exciting chess competition.
- Junior Entrepreneur Programme – Our fifth class students will participate in this practical, integrated, and project-based initiative that connects many areas of the curriculum, encouraging creative thinking and student innovation.
- VEX Robotics – Our sixth class students will develop their skills in problem-solving, engineering, and teamwork in this inspiring programme.

Final Note

I wish the whole school community a very enjoyable, safe and Spooktacular Halloween break. Thank you for all of your cooperation and support.

School Uniform Reminder Please ensure that your child's school tracksuit is clearly labelled with his or her name. We are very proud of our school uniform in Lisnagry National School and expect all children to wear it with pride. The uniform is an important part of our school's identity – it promotes a sense of belonging and reinforces your child's association with our school community.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all parents and guardians who consistently ensure that their children wear the correct school uniform each day.

A gentle reminder that clothing with logos, branding, club gear, hoodies, or GAA shorts is not permitted, as these items undermine the purpose and unity of our school uniform.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us maintain our high standards of presentation and pride in our school.

Parent Contribution We would like to sincerely thank all parents who have already paid the requested €60 school contribution.

A gentle reminder to those who have not yet had the chance to pay that contributions may be made at your earliest convenience. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps us provide the best possible resources and opportunities for our students.

Student Personal Accident Insurance Your child is covered by 24-hour personal accident insurance from 1st September 2025 to 31st August 2026.

In the event of an accident, please keep all receipts for any expenses incurred. Claim forms are available from the school office.



Maths Week 2025

