LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

October 2026

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Halloween break here in Lisnagry National School, there is a wonderful sense of excitement throughout the school, with the children eagerly looking forward to our much-loved Dress Up Day and annual Cake Sale.

It has been a busy and enjoyable first term, and we are delighted with how well all of our classes have settled into their routines. As always, school life is full of energy and activity, with a wide variety of exciting initiatives, learning experiences and events taking place across all classes. It is lovely to see the enthusiasm, participation and positive spirit that the children bring to school each day.

School Highlights

Maths Week 2026

Maths Week was celebrated in Lisnagry National School from the 12th to the 16th of October, and the whole school was a hive of activity! All classes enthusiastically participated in a wonderful variety of fun, engaging and interactive maths activities, bringing maths to life in creative and enjoyable ways. One of the highlights of the week was the designing and creating of Maths Hats, with the children showcasing their fantastic imagination, creativity and mathematical thinking. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and enjoyment throughout the school. A huge well done to all our pupils for their excellent participation and for making Maths Week 2026 such a great success!

Cumann na mBunscol Football Final

Huge congratulations to our boys' football team on their fantastic victory in the East Final earlier this week! We are incredibly proud of the boys, who represented our school so well and displayed wonderful skill, determination and teamwork throughout. This fantastic achievement means that the team now progresses to the County Series after the midterm break, and we wish them every success in the next stage of the competition. A sincere thank you to our dedicated coaches and to all the parents for their continued encouragement and support. Well done, boys – we are all so proud of you!







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Cross Country

Well done to all our athletes who represented the school so well at the cross country qualifiers last Friday in Ahane. We are very proud of their efforts and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to those who qualified for the county finals in South Liberties this week.

The updated Child Protection Procedures 2025 will be formally adopted at the next Board of Management meeting in November. Further information and updates will be communicated to parents and guardians in due course. The safety, welfare and wellbeing of all children in our care remains our highest priority.



School Development

Roof Works

Work is now nearing completion on the flat roof of our school, and we are delighted to see such positive progress being made. The next phase of our roof works will commence this week, with the replacement of the Kingspan cladding along the side and rear of the school. These much-needed works will continue over the coming weeks. We kindly ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation during this time, as there may be some disruption and congestion, particularly in relation to car parking around the school. We sincerely appreciate your continued support and cooperation as we carry out these important improvements to our school facilities.

Bí Cineálta (Anti-Bullying) Policy

The Board of Management completed its annual review of our Bí Cineálta (Anti-Bullying) Policy at its most recent meeting. The policy is available for parents and guardians to view on our school website. We remain committed to promoting a positive, inclusive and caring school environment where every child feels safe, valued and respected.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

The Board of Management has also completed its annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement, which is available to view on our school website or in the school office. Ms Eimear Carroll is our Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for Child Protection, and all teaching staff are mandated persons under child protection legislation.



Cúinne na Gaeilge

Beatha is sláinte, a chairde, *(Hello Friends)*
Fáilte go dtí cúinne na Gaeilge agus beannachtaí na Samhna ag druidim linn. (*Welcome to the Gaeilge corner and the Halloween celebrations approaching us*)
Bhí cúpla seachtain gnóthach againn. *(We had a busy few weeks)*
Bhunaigh muid ár gcoiste. *(We founded our committee)*
Céad Míle Fáilte go dtí Coiste na Gaeilge 2026. *(A warm welcome to our Coiste na Gaeilge for 2026)*
Tá páistí ó ghach rang ar an gcoiste. *(There are children from every class on the committee)*
Mhaisigh muid doirse na scoile le foclóir agus frásaí na Samhna le déanaí. *(We recently decorated the doors of the school with Halloween vocabulary and phrases)*
Tá frása na seachtaine á mhúineadh againn do ghach rang go seachtainiúil chomh maith. *(We are teaching the phrase of the week to every class, weekly as well)*
Is breá linn a bheith ar an gCoiste. *(We love being on the Coiste)*

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*)



Notices

Drop-off and Collection Procedures

As we all navigate busy school mornings and afternoons, we ask parents and guardians to help keep drop-off and collection safe for everyone. Wet weather can make these times particularly challenging, and your patience and cooperation make a real difference.

Please keep the following in mind when using the stop-and-drop facility:

- Pull forward towards the front door, as far as it is safe to do so, before stopping. This allows other vehicles to move into the area.
- Keep the stop-and-drop zone moving. Please do not park or leave your vehicle unattended.
- Remind children to use the railed pathway when entering and leaving the school.

Children must cross the road at the **designated pedestrian crossing** outside the school gates. Please do not cross, or encourage children to cross, at the small roundabout or elsewhere along the main road. Using the crossing consistently helps children develop safe habits.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours by **keeping their driveways and property entrances clear at all times.**

Our stop-and-drop area, pedestrian crossing and footpath help make the journey to and from school safer. By using these facilities carefully and setting a good example, we can all play our part in protecting our pupils and supporting our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.



School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that your child's school tracksuit is clearly labelled with their name so that misplaced items can be returned easily.

We take great pride in our school uniform at Lisnagry National School. It is an important part of our identity, helping pupils feel a sense of belonging and connection to our school community. We ask all children to wear the correct uniform each day and to wear it with pride.

A gentle reminder that c**lothing with logos or branding, club gear, hoodies and GAA shorts are not permitted** as part of the school uniform.

We sincerely thank parents and guardians for their continued support in ensuring children come to school in the correct uniform. Your cooperation helps us maintain a shared sense of pride in our school.

Parent Contribution

We sincerely thank all parents and guardians who have already paid the requested €60 school contribution. For those who have not yet had the opportunity, we would appreciate your contribution at your earliest convenience. The contribution helps cover photocopying, arts and crafts, ICT licences and insurance. Your support is greatly appreciated.





Student Personal Accident Insurance

All pupils are covered by 24-hour Personal Accident Insurance from 1st September 2026 to 31st August 2027. In the event of an accident, parents/guardians are advised to retain all receipts for any expenses incurred. Claim forms are available from the school office.

Notices

Open Night Success!

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

Throughout the evening, visitors enjoyed a taste of the many programmes, activities and initiatives our school has to offer, giving them a real sense of the warm, welcoming and supportive learning environment we are so proud of.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Sixth Class pupils, who took the lead in guiding parents around the school. Their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their school shone through and truly captured the spirit of our school community. They were fantastic ambassadors for Lisnagry!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a success. It was a lovely celebration of all that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

Enrolment for September 2027

If you have a child due to start school in September 2027, we would love to hear from you! Our Annual Admission Notice has been published, and enrolment for the 2027/2028 school year opened on 1st October 2026. Please contact the school if you wish to enrol your child.

We would also love your help in spreading the word!

Our parents and families are our greatest advocates. You know firsthand what makes Lisnagry such a wonderful school community, and your recommendations mean so much to us.

If you know a family who will soon be choosing a school for their child, please encourage them to consider Lisnagry and share our enrolment information with them.

Your continued support helps our school community to grow and thrive, and we are so grateful for it. **Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!**

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Please return your Christmas shoeboxes to the school **during the week after the Halloween holidays (2nd–4th November).**

The Christmas Shoebox Appeal is a wonderful opportunity for our children to experience the joy of giving and to make a real difference in the lives of children who are less fortunate. Taking part helps to nurture kindness, empathy and generosity, while reminding our pupils that even small acts of kindness can bring great happiness to others.

It is a lovely way to encourage our children to think of others and to appreciate the true spirit of giving as we approach Christmas.

Thank you to all our families for your kindness, generosity and continued support!

Important Dates

🎃 **Friday, 23rd October – Halloween Fun**

Children are invited to dress up (optional) for some Halloween fun!

We will have a Witches' Walk Parade on Friday morning to showcase all the wonderful costumes (weather permitting).

Our annual Halloween Cake Sale will also take place on Friday, 23rd October.

🍂 **Midterm Break**

School will close on Friday, 23rd October and reopen on Monday, 2nd November.

📚 **Thursday, 12th November – School Closure**

School will be closed for Language Awareness Day to facilitate whole-staff training.

📚 **Monday 16th November- Half-Day:** Staff Training, school finishing at 12pm.

👩‍🏫 **Parent–Teacher Meetings**

Parent–teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday, 18th and Thursday, 19th November.

Appointment dates and times will be available to book through Aladdin after the midterm break.

Christmas Choral Afternoon: Friday 18th and Monday 21st Dec starting at 12pm in the halla. More details to follow.







