

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter April 2015

Dear Parents,

Easter seems like a long time ago. There has been a lot of work done in the school since the Easter Holidays. As you will see in this month's newsletter we have a great deal to be proud of. Thank you to everyone who works hard in our school and makes it such a happy place to be.

Green Flag Award:

We received confirmation this month that we have been awarded our fourth Green Flag. It is a brilliant achievement to get one Green Flag so it is amazing to have four. Well done to all involved, especially to our Green Schools Committee who put in a big effort to make this possible. Thanks also to all the families who supported our WOW Days and SOW Days.

FAI Soccer:

Before Easter our boys and girls took part in the FAI 5 a side soccer tournament. They qualified for the finals in Turner Cross which took place after Easter. Both of our teams finished as runners up in the county. We are very proud of their achievements and especially of the way they represented our school. Well done boys and girls!

Parents Association:

Our Parents Association will be very busy this term. They are organising the Gold Rush this Friday so please remember to send in any gold coloured coins that you can. They will arrange for the Holy Communion Party on May 23rd and bag packing in June. The help and support that we receive from our Parents Association is vital to the running of our school. Thanks to all involved and please help out as much as you can when they look for volunteers as everyone benefits.

Mini 7's hurling:

The Mini 7s took place the day before the Confirmation this year. Our two teams represented our school very well and there were some brilliant individual performances.

Sciath na Scol:

Our boys and girls travelled to Kinsale to play a blitz against a number of schools. They all played really well and we are very proud of them. As an added bonus our boys' team qualified for the final which will be played in the last week of May in Páirc Uí Rinn. Best of luck boys!

Chess:

Our lunch time chess club is still going strong. They play two days a week at lunch time and the standard is getting better and better each week. Our school team will travel to Killavullen next week to play in the ChessZ competition. Hopefully they will get the chance to put all the skills they learned during the winter into practice.

Extension:

Our newest extension is flying up and we hope that it will be finished before the summer holidays.

Confirmation:

Bishop Buckley confirmed our students in a lovely ceremony on Tues 21st April. Our boys and girls were fantastic. Well done to everyone involved in preparing them for their big day.

City Sports Trials:

Cork City Sports trials were held on Tuesday April 28th. The City Sports are on in CIT on June 10th as Páirc Uí Chaoimh is being redeveloped.

Date for sports:

Our own school sports day will be on June 17th – weather permitting. Parents, grandparents and childminders should start training now!!

6th Class graduation:

Our 6th Class will have their graduation ceremony on June 26th at 12pm.

Summer Reports:

We are hoping to send home the summer reports on the week of June 22nd. This will allow you time to speak to your child's current teacher if you have any questions about the report.

Holy Communion:

The biggest day this month is for the 2nd Class pupils who are making their First Holy Communion. There is a lot of work being done in preparation at the moment and everyone is looking forward to it.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Friday May 15th: Gold Rush

Tues May 19th: Chess tournament in Killavullen

Friday May 22nd: school closed for Referendum

Week of May 25th: Sciath na Scol hurling finals – our date is to be confirmed

Tues May 26th: Green Schools Award ceremony

Wed May 27th: 7.30pm: Information Evening for parents of new Junior Infants

Monday June 1st: Cork City Marathon: best of luck to everyone taking part!