

**Scoil Inse Rátha**  
**Déan do Dhícheall**  
**Newsletter June 2016**

**Dear Parents,**

As we come to the end of the year we can reflect on another great year's work. From my point of view I would like to thank everyone in our school community who made this year possible. Our students have been fantastic yet again. Our staff, including those who have been in short term during the year and our student teachers, have been amazing and have left no stone unturned to help our students. Our Board of Management and Parents Association have been wonderful in helping to make our school a great place to go to work and school. Thank you to you the parents and extended family members who have supported us during the year. Together we can be very proud of our school – you have made our school a better place!

**Staffing:**

For 2016/2017 our staff will be as follows:

Deputy Principal and SEN Coordinator: Gillian Diamond

Jl: Teacher: Miriam Hennessy. SNA: Mary Clifford

Sl: Teacher: Eleanor Crowley. SNA: Siobhán Collins

1<sup>st</sup>: Teacher: Nuala Murray. SNA: Siobhán Collins

2<sup>nd</sup>: Teacher: TBC. SNA: Siobhán Collins

3<sup>rd</sup>: Teacher: Julie Neville. SNA: Ann O'Keeffe/ Louise Taaffe (job share)

4<sup>th</sup>: Teacher: TBC. SNA: TBC/Mary Clifford

5<sup>th</sup>: Teacher: Audrey Roche. SNA: Mary Clifford

6<sup>th</sup>: Teacher: Brigid Lynch. SNA: Laura Daly

Learning Support/Resource Team: Gillian Diamond, Valerie McGrath/Estelle Cassidy (job share), Gillian Daly and Caroline Lane.

**Flash Mob:**

All of our school went down to Eastgate to take part in a Flash Mob dance routine. This was a brilliant experience for all of us and our students were brilliant. Thanks to Ms. Morgan for leading this and to all the people who came down to add to the sense of occasion. Thank you to Spar in Eastgate for inviting us down and to Fiona Twomey Solicitors and AIB who allowed us to take over the space outside their premises for our performance.

**Jl end of year presentation:**

Junior Infants hosted their parents and family members to showcase their year's work. Thank you to the staff for arranging this and to everyone who came in – there wasn't a dry eye in the house!

**SI Summer Panto:**

Senior Infants had their summer panto and there was a huge crowd in to see it. They were excellent and made their teachers very proud. They also received their graduation certificates for successfully completing the infant programme in our school. Well done Seniors!

**Soccer Leagues:**

2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> took part in a very competitive soccer league over the last few weeks. Well done to all involved. Thank you to 6<sup>th</sup> Class who refereed the games. It was great to see the sporting manner in which victory and defeat were accepted. We are very proud of you all. Thank you to the teachers who organised and supervised this extra activity.

**Áras an Uachtaráin:**

Last year four pupils, accompanied by two teachers, went to Limerick to take part in a Department of Children and Youth Affairs consultation event. As a follow up to this they were invited to Áras an Uachtaráin to meet with the President of Ireland and to commemorate the children of 1916. They did a great job representing our school and they thoroughly enjoyed their (very long) day.

**Gold Rush:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event. Thank you to our Parents Association for organising this as well. We raised a record breaking €760.80! This is amazing and will be a great help to our school.

**Leeside AFC:**

Leeside's successes dominated our recent assembly. The U12 girls are champions and the U14 girls are runners up. We have club players of the year and representatives on Cork teams in our school as well. Congratulations to all the players and mentors on another successful year. We look forward to working even closer with Leeside next year.

**Erins Own GAA:**

Erins Own will have their Cul Camp and 'Hurling on the Green' again this year so keep an eye out for further details.

**Entry and Exit from the school:**

A number of people have come to me about pets at the gate. Some of our children are very nervous of these pets and are finding it hard to enter and exit the school when these pets are nearby. If you *have* to bring a pet to the school could you please bear in mind that not all children are comfortable with them and keep a path clear for them to exit safely and happily.

That's all for now.

All the best,  
Micheál Rea

**Up Coming Events:**

**21<sup>st</sup> June:** 1pm 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Ceremony

**22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Basketball Fun Day with some of the All – Ireland winning Glanmire Ladies Basketball team.

**24<sup>th</sup> June:** school closes at 12.15pm for all pupils.

**29<sup>th</sup> August:** school reopens for 2016/2017 academic year.