

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!

Graduation:

6th Class had their graduation ceremony on Tuesday. From the drumming to the singing to the slideshow it was a lovely occasion. We are very proud of the young people they have grown into and are sure they are ready to shine in second level and beyond. Thank you to Ms. O'Donovan and to Laura for all the work they put into the ceremony and the yearbook. Thank you to our Parents Association who paid for the yearbooks and looked after the teas and coffees afterwards. Some of our families are finished with us now so I would like to thank them for all their support over the years. There have been a lot of changes to our school since they started and our school is a better place thanks to your help.

Junior Infants and Senior Infants end of year celebrations:

Junior Infants and Senior Infants had their end of year celebration yesterday. Both classes have grown and matured brilliantly this year and are ready to move on.

Sports Day:

We had a great day last week for our Sports Day. There was a brilliant atmosphere and the sunshine helped too. Thank you to all the staff and the Parents Association for helping to make this day so successful. Well done to all the participants, including parents, grandparents, carers and siblings, who took part and supported us. The day culminated in a very competitive, yet sporting, soccer match. 6th Class emerged victorious over a 4th and 5th team.

City Sports:

Yet again this year we had a very successful trip to the City Sports. The boys won 7 sprint trophies, 2 relays and the overall trophy while the girls produced a County Champion in Sharon Ike. Well done to all involved for representing our school so well. We are very proud of all of you. Thank you to our staff who prepared our children and who stayed late into the evening to see it all through. Thank you as well to the supporters who attended to cheer us on.

PA Gold Rush:

Our Parents Association organised the annual Gold Rush this month. They collected over €860 which is a fantastic amount. Thank you to the PA for organising it and to everyone who sent in coins. Well done to Junior Infants and 3rd who won the "longest line" and "most raised" categories this year.

Basketball Fun Day:

Mark Scannell has coached each class during the year. Mark is very popular with the children and staff and we all learn from him. We will have a basketball fun day on tomorrow- each class will have some games and challenges and there might even be a surprise or two. Mark will bring along some of the players from his highly successful Glanmire Ladies team to help out.

Staffing for next year:

Due to career break, job sharing arrangements and maternity leaves we will have a number of teaching vacancies next year. We are in the middle of the recruitment process at the moment and interviews will take place next week. The standard of teachers who have applied for jobs is very high so rest assured that there will be very talented teachers recruited to complement our amazing staff.

For 2017/2018, Ms. O'Donovan will teach JI, Ms. Crowley SI, Ms. Murray 1st Class and Ms. Roche 5th. Ms. Diamond, Ms McGrath/Ms. Daly (job-sharing) and Ms. Hennessy will work in Resource/Learning Support. We will notify the other classes by text by the end of next week with your teacher's name. Congratulations to Mr. Crewe who secured a permanent job recently. He has been a fantastic teacher and colleague over the past four years and we wish him well in the future. He has done so much for our students including Sciath na Scol, chess, City Sports, soccer and much, much more. Thank you Mr. Crewe, we will miss you.

Thank you to Ms.Lane for all her excellent work this year. We hope that she enjoys her year travelling. We hope to see you back here in the future!

Arrangements for the summer:

During the summer the school toilets will be refurbished and cleaning and painting will be carried out. I will be in school from 11am – 2pm Monday to Thursday next week if you need to speak to me and I will be in school 11am – 2pm Mon Aug 28th to Wed Aug 30th. Outside of these hours you can email me at principal@littleislandns.com. I will check my emails every few days and get back to you.

That's all for now.

All the best,
Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Friday June 23rd: school closes at 12.15pm for all students.

Thursday Aug 31st: school reopens for new school year.