

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter May 2012

Dear Parents,

It has been an historic month for our school. Our boys' team won the hurling final last week thereby completing the double of winning football and hurling titles in the same year. We are very proud of every member of the panel and of the great supporters who encouraged the team over the line. Well done to all involved, especially Ms. Ní Cheallaigh, Mr. Aherne, Ms. Dunne and Niall McIntyre. Niall has put a lot of effort into the coaching scheme with the support of our local club, Erin's Own, and he had three schools from the parish in Sciath na Scol finals last week. Brooklodge and ourselves won while Glounthaune narrowly lost. Thank you to everyone who supported the no uniform day to help pay for the continuation of this scheme. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support the team.

Holy Communion:

It was a special day for second class this month when they received their First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day and the children were great. Our Parents Association organised a lovely party back at the school afterwards. Thanks to everyone who helped out in any way to make this day happen. Holy Communion day is always one of the nicest days in the school calendar and this year was no exception. Thank you to Ms. Ní Cheallaigh, Laura and Ms. Crowley for preparing the children and to Fr. John Paul for conducting a lovely child centred ceremony.

Cork City Sports:

Our girls and boys teams took part in the Cork City Sports again this year. They represented the school really well and were a credit to the school. They won a lot of trophies and medals and the girls' team even won a cup for being the best team in their group. Well done to all involved. It is great to see our athletics tradition being kept up. Thanks especially to Mr. McEvoy for coming back to help train the team and to give some advice.

Schools Direct and visit of David Wallace:

We were delighted to welcome David Wallace to our school this month. We had a special red and white day to mark this occasion. He posed for photos and answered questions for every class and was a gentleman to deal with. Thanks to Schools Direct for arranging the visit. Congratulations to the children who won the prizes of a signed Munster rugby jersey and 2 signed rugby balls.

Little Island Olympics:

Our school sports day, The Little Island Olympics, will take place on June 13th. This is a fun day where every child is a winner. There are some parents/adults races and at the end of the day there is a soccer match between 6th Class and the staff. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

6th Class Graduation Ceremony:

Our 6th Class are near the end of their time here with us and to mark their graduation from primary to secondary school we will have a special mass and graduation ceremony for them on June 28th at 11am.

Staffing and Enrolment:

Ms. Cassidy will return to our school from maternity leave on June 11th. Ms. Lynch, who has been teaching 5th Class since November, will finish on this Friday 8th. Ms. Lynch has been a huge addition to the staff and we will be sad to see her go. We all appreciate all that she did for the children in our school and we wish her luck in the future. I will try to let you know what staff will be allocated to your child's class before the end of June. We may not be able to fill all our teaching posts before the summer holidays if the Department of Education don't allow us to advertise soon but we will have staff in place for the start of the school year.

Booklists and Summer Reports:

We are finalising our booklists this week so you will get them shortly. Summer Reports will be sent home the week beginning 18th June. We are using new NCCA approved reports cards for the first time this year and they will include standardised test results as required by the DES. See www.ncca.ie for more details. **Please send in a stamped addressed envelope to your child's teacher for their report.**

Science Award:

This month we were awarded our first Science Award. Every class was involved in doing experiments and Ms. Dunne put the application together. Well done to all involved.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

June 5th: Junior Infants School Tour

June 6th: 1st, 2nd and 3rd class school tour to Clonakilty; 4th Class tour to Cork City

7th June: 6th class tour

11th June: Senior Infant's school tour

12th June: 1pm-2pm: Induction day for new Junior Infants - current JI and SI go home at 12.

13th June: Little Island NS Olympics

14th June: 6th Class tour UCC

18th June: Reports posted this week

19th June- 21st June incl.: RSE

28th June: 11.15am: 6th Class Graduation

29th June: 12.15pm: school closes for summer holidays.