

Scoil Inse Rátha  
Déan do Dhícheall  
Newsletter May 2015

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter. We have had a wonderful month and there has been a lot of activity. The enthusiasm and energy with which the children and staff undertake their work is fantastic and it is a privilege to work with such wonderful people every day. Here are some of the highlights from May. There is a huge amount going on in each class as well and you can see more on our website, [www.littleislands.com](http://www.littleislands.com).

**Sciath na Scol Final:**

Our boys played in the Sciath na Scol hurling final this week. There are many ways to describe their performance but I have settled on “heroic” – every one of the boys played like heroes and we are all extremely proud of them. Our supporters were also amazing and kept cheering right to the end. Many schools never get to play in a final and so to have qualified and played so well is fantastic. Well done everyone!

**Green Flag:**

We received our fourth Green Flag this week. Two staff members and two pupils from the Green Schools Committee went to Silver Springs to attend the awards ceremony. This was the culmination of two years of hard work and it is a brilliant achievement.

**Holy Communion:**

One of my favourite days of the year is day of The First Holy Communion. It is a huge day for the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and for their families. This year we had a beautiful day and a lovely ceremony, followed by a great party back at the school. Thank you to everyone who made this possible, staff, Fr. John Paul, Josie, Diane, parents and especially our children who were excellent.

**Parents Association:**

Our Parents Association are very busy in this part of the year. They organised The Gold Rush this month which raised more than €670 for our school. The First Holy Communion party was organised and run by the PA too. Thank you to everyone who sent in cakes etc for the party – the standard was amazing! They will be organising and speaking at The Information Evening for new parents as well. The PA holds regular meetings and provides feedback to me to help to run the school. We are all working together to reach the common goal of making our school a better place. Please help out with the bag packing on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – this will help our school to provide more opportunities for your child(ren).

**Chess:**

Our Chess team travelled to Killavullen to play in a chess tournament this month. They prepared during the winter and represented our school really well. The standard was very high and I’m sure that they learned from the experience. Well done to all involved.

**City Sports:**

Training has begun for the Cork City Sports which are on in CIT on June 10<sup>th</sup>. It is a huge honour to be able to take part in this and we wish everyone involved the best of luck.

**School Tours:**

School tour season is upon us. Classes are experiencing a variety locations and activities. It is a reward for all the hard work the children have done during the year but the teachers also ensure that it is an educational experience with children seeing things and doing things that they might not have a chance to do otherwise. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> had a great day in The Glen resource Centre earlier this month. J1 & S1 have their tour this week.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class' visit to Collins Barracks:**

1<sup>st</sup> Class were invited, by the army, to an event in Collins Barracks. They got a tour of the barracks, were given food and were treated to a performance by the band. Check out our website, [www.littleislands.com](http://www.littleislands.com), for pictures and more information.

That's all for now.

All the best,  
Micheál Rea

### **Up Coming Events:**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>:** Cork City Marathon – best of luck to everyone taking part.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sandy McGroarty from Green Schools in to conduct a travel survey.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Class school tour

**June 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1pm-2pm: Induction Day for new Junior Infants

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class school tour

**June 10<sup>th</sup>:** Cork City Sports

**June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>:** PA Bag Packing in SuperValu, Glanmire.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Erins Own 5K fun run.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:** 1<sup>st</sup> Class school tour

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:** 12.30pm-3pm: High Street Books in school to sell school books for next year.

**June 17<sup>th</sup>:** School Fun for All Day/Sports Day.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Summer Reports being posted this week.

**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Basketball Fun Day

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** 12:00 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

**June 30<sup>th</sup>:** school closes at 12.15pm for summer holidays

**Wed Aug 26<sup>th</sup>:** School reopens: JI: 9.15-12.30pm; SI: 8.50-12.30pm; 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: 8.50-2.30pm.