

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter May 2016

Dear Parents,

May has been another busy month with lots of activities as well as the regular school work. Even though we are getting to the end of the school year there is still lots of very important work and revision to be done in each class. Teachers like to take the chance at this time of year to bring their classes outside to explore and learn skills that aren't possible when the weather is wetter and colder. Every day is important in school and while some of the work is fun it is still part of your child's learning and development in school.

Sciath na Scol:

Our hurling team did a great job this year and very nearly qualified for the final. They participated and competed excellently and as always they represented our school really well. Thank you to the staff who helped to prepare them.

Holy Communion:

It was a special day for 2nd 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 so special. Holy Communion day is always one of the nicest days in the school calendar and this year was no exception.

Science Award:

During the year we have been working towards our Science Award. Classes have been doing experiments, projects, visits and have had scientists visit us. The highlight of the year in this area was Science Week where each class displayed and explained their experiments to the other classes. We were informed last week that we have achieved the Science Award. Well done to all the children and staff who made this possible.

School Tours:

All of our classes have gone on, or will be going on, school tours this year. 6th Class went to Dublin. This was a big undertaking with the bus leaving at 7am and returning at 7pm. They had a great time taking in The Aviva Stadium and The Viking Splash Tour. Check out our website for more information and photographs from your child's tour – www.littleislandns.com.

Standardised Tests and Summer Reports:

Each class will be tested in the last week of May and the first week of June. The results of these tests will be included in your child's summer report which will be posted on June 21st. If you have any questions about your child's report please arrange to meet your child's teacher. While standardised tests give us some information they are only a snapshot of what was going on on the day of the test. The teacher's observations and other test results from during the year help to form the full picture.

Junior Infants 2016/2017:

We are getting ready to welcome our newest members of our school community. Our new parents visited the school for their Information Evening last week and our Junior Infants for 2016/2017 will come for their Induction Day on Thursday.

Cork City Sports:

We have a very strong team ready and waiting for this year's Cork City Sports. We wish them well as they compete with nearly 5,000 other athletes in CIT on this Wednesday June 1st. It is always a great occasion and one that the children will remember long after they leave school.

Soccer Blitz:

We will have a soccer blitz in early to mid-June which is being run like Euro 2016. It should generate a lot of interest and enthusiasm and hopefully will be lots of fun too.

Parents Association:

This is a very busy time of the year for our PA. They have the Holy Communion party, Information Night for new parents, Induction Day for JI, Sports Day etc etc to organise and get volunteers for.

Some of our PA also maintains the garden at the front of the school which looks great. Thank you to everyone who has given their time during the year to help make our school a better place. We are always looking for people to help out so we can spread the load among more people. Please let us know if you can help out in any way.

Drama Exams:

Congratulations to Ms. Crowley's Drama Group who did so well in their exams last week.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

30th May: 3rd Class school tour

31st May: JI, SI, 1st Class School tour

1st June: Cork City Sports

2nd June: 2nd Class school tour

Induction Day for new JI. Current JI and SI finish at 12.30pm.

3rd June: school closed for in-service on new Primary Language Curriculum.

8th June: 4th Class school tour

9th June: Little Island Olympics – Sports Day

14th June: 12.30pm- 3pm: High Street Books – school books on sale for next year.

15th June: Representatives (4 children and 2 adults) from our school attending Department of Children and Youth Affairs Consultation event in Áras an Uachtaráin, Dublin.

7.30pm: Board of Management meeting

16th June: SI Summer Panto

JI end of year presentation

17th June: 12.30pm: Flash Mob performance in Eastgate by SPAR – all welcome!

21st June: 6th Class Graduation

Summer Reports being posted

24th June: School closes at 12.15pm for all classes for summer holidays. School reopens on August 29th.