

Little Island NS

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter October 2014:

Dear Parents,

On Sunday October 19th we had a wonderful School Fair. It showcased everything that is great about our school. The whole community came together to support us and have some fun. We raised much needed funds for the school but the part that I enjoyed the most was seeing the buzz of fun and activity around the school. The past, present and future generations of our school were present and everyone had a great time. Our fabulous staff put in hours and hours of preparation in advance of the event and played a central role in its success. The local Scouts group helped out. Several parents volunteered their services and helped out in any way they could. Happy Dayz provided brilliant music that helped to make a great atmosphere. Local businesses supported us with money and gifts. Of course all of this would have been pointless if our parents and local community hadn't come out to support us. The numbers that attended were beyond our wildest dreams. Thank you to everyone who made this day a highlight of our school's history. We are very proud of our school and it was brilliant to be able to share this with so many people on Sunday.

Parents Association AGM:

Our PA had their AGM before mid-term. Deirdre O'Brien stepped down as Chairperson after serving her full term. Judy O'Connell and Cathy Harris have also stepped down. They have been a great support to the school over the years and on behalf of all of our school community I would like to sincerely thank them for all their hard work. Ger Stapleton is our new PA Chairperson with Jennifer Moriarty and Carol Long acting as joint secretaries and Deirdre Gettings continuing as Treasurer. I look forward to working closely with them over the coming year.

Gaelic Games:

Our boys and girls teams performed really well this year and represented our school excellently. The girls finished just one place outside the semi-final places! Well done to all involved. Football continues with the lunch time leagues which are being hotly contested! Erins Own also hosted a blitz this month which the children really enjoyed. Some of Erin's Own girls went to Croke Park before mid-term and played in a blitz. This was an amazing experience for them and one that they will remember for years to come.

Basketball:

Mark Scannell has started basketball coaching again this year. He has started with 1st&2nd Classes until Christmas and he will take other classes after that.

Maths Week:

Each class marked Maths Week in different ways. 6th Class went to The Lifetime Lab in Cork to do a workshop designed to celebrate maths week and encourage the children to look at Maths differently. They had a great time and benefitted from the experience.

Brown Envelopes:

Thank you to everyone who returned their envelopes over the last two months. The money collected has helped to subsidise buses to matches, pay for a basketball coach and to purchase equipment and games for the Infant rooms. Without your support this would not be possible. Receipts for contributions made are available on request from Jacinta at the end of each term.

Talented Students:

All of our students have wonderful talents and we are proud of them all. Outside of school many of our students are involved in activities that interest them. The Cubs/Scouts are regularly heading off for interesting weekends and events. Erin's Own and Leaside keep many of our boys and girls busy too. We have several pupils who have won county titles in school. We have excellent Irish dancers in our school too. Sometimes individuals achieve remarkable levels of success. We have pupils on the Cork Soccer Development squads for their age groups; we have athletes who have participated in the All-Ireland track and field events; we have a swimmer who is competing regularly at the highest level in swimming competitions including an All-Ireland Division 1 competition and we even have a boy winning medals at underage Motocross. We would encourage all of our pupils to be involved in something outside of school for social and academic reasons – children who are physically active are 20% more successful in Literacy and Numeracy. If you need contact details for any of the local clubs or organisations please feel free to contact me.

**** The School Calendar for 2015/2016 is available on our website, www.littleislandns.com, under School Info. ****

****There are a small number of the children's framed art works still available in the school. Please contact the office if you wish to buy it. ****

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Tues Nov 11th: Board of Management meeting

Wed Nov 19th: Parent/Teacher meetings. School closes at 12.30pm

Thurs Nov 20th: Parent/Teacher meetings after school.

Thurs Nov 27th: 6th Class going to UCC.