

**Scoil Inse Rátha**  
**Déan do Dhícheall**  
**Newsletter May 2018**

**Dear Parents,**

Summer is here! It is a busy time of the year as teachers are finishing up areas of the curriculum, correcting tests, writing reports and trying to allow our children to have some of those fun activities that we all remember from summer term in school. 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.

**Holy Communion:**

We had a fantastic day last Saturday for Holy Communion. The children were excellent and read, sang and prayed perfectly. We are all very proud of them. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day possible. There was a huge amount of work that went on in the background from preparing the church to preparing the children. Our wonderful parents organised a brilliant party afterwards in the school. You will have seen the photos on our school app so you will know that it was better than professional catering standards! This is one of the best days on the school calendar and it is wonderful to see all the community coming together to create a great occasion. Thank you!

**Hurling:**

Our hurling team did really well this year. Boys who don't play much hurling joined in to help our school to field a team. They worked really hard to play as a team and against all the odds they qualified for the semi-final. They were beaten by a better team on the day but they did our school proud and they can all hold their heads up high. The Principal of Midleton CBS wrote a letter to us to praise our boys for their sporting behaviour and their overall attitude, saying they are a credit to our school. It says a lot when people from other schools can see how good our students are.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class school tour:**

5<sup>th</sup> Class went on their school tour this month. They had a lovely day in The Mardyke and arrived back at school tired and happy.

**Science Award:**

Science is part of the primary curriculum and our teachers are very good at making it interesting and challenging for our students. We have done many experiments, visited some of our neighbouring factories and gone on field trips to explore our local environment. Some of our staff correlated all the work we do and presented it to Discovery Primary Science. Every school that enters gets a certificate but our work is of such quality that they have awarded us a special plaque. Well done to all involved.

**Garden:**

Our school garden is looking amazing at the moment. A huge amount of work has gone into it and we are delighted with it. All of the children have been involved at some level and it has really made our school a better place. The Muintir na Tíre inspectors will be in next week to evaluate our work on the garden so hopefully they will recognise the amount of work that has gone into it and also recognise the work of the children.

**Little Island World Cup Soccer Tournament:**

A lunchtime soccer league will be starting in June. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will have one competition while there will be a boys and a girls tournament for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes. This is always an enjoyable event and a little bit competitive.

**Junior Infants:**

We were delighted to welcome our new Junior Infants to the school this week. It was a big day for them and for their families and hopefully it was a positive experience that will make their transition to big school easier. It won't be long now until they are sitting in our school, hard at work!

**6<sup>th</sup> Class debating:**

Six 6<sup>th</sup> students were at a debating competition this week and they really enjoyed the experience. Concern have organised this competition this year so they got to hear a little bit about their work too.

That's all for now.

All the best,  
Micheál Rea

**Up Coming Events:**

**1<sup>st</sup> June:** Cork City Sports

**5<sup>th</sup> June:** Muintir na Tíre garden assessment.

**6<sup>th</sup> June:** Drama Exams

2<sup>nd</sup> Class school tour

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** 3<sup>rd</sup> class school tour

5<sup>th</sup> Class trip to Pepsi

**8<sup>th</sup> June:** Parents Association Gold Rush

Active Schools Week starts today and runs until June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**11<sup>th</sup> June:** Infant School Tour

**12<sup>th</sup> June:** 5<sup>th</sup> Class trip to Ballymaloe premises.

Board of Management meeting.

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

**15<sup>th</sup> June:** School Sports Day

**19<sup>th</sup> June:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class tour

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** 4<sup>th</sup> Class tour

School Summer Reports to be posted today.

**21<sup>st</sup> June:** Senior Infants Summer Panto

**22<sup>nd</sup> June:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class graduation

**29<sup>th</sup> June:** school closes at 12.15pm for all classes for Summer Holidays.