

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter June 2018

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another school year. We have achieved a huge amount again this year. All of this year's newsletters are on our website so if you get a chance you can remind yourself of the main events. Thank you to everyone in our school community for making this year so successful. It is a pleasure to come to school every day to work with such professional staff and such wonderful children. Our Parents Association, Board of Management, parents and local community all provided fantastic support and help during the year. Together we have helped our students to reach their potential. Thank you!

Cork City Sports:

Our boys and girls teams took part in The Cork City Sports in CIT on June 1st. We have a long, proud and successful tradition in these games and this year was no exception. You can look at the entry on our app for details on trophies and medals. Sharon deserves a special mention as she is the County Champion again this year. The standard in The City Sports is really high so for Sharon to win again is amazing. Thank you to the staff who prepared the athletes and who went along to supervise on the day. Well done to all involved.

Muintir na Tíre Garden Assessment:

Any visitors to our school have noticed the wonderful transformation to our garden this year. There has been a lot of work put into this over the year and it really adds to our school environment. The judges from Muintir na Tíre came to assess our garden and at the awards ceremony last week we received a prize for Best New Garden. It was great that all the work was acknowledged. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially our students who haven't been afraid to get their hands dirty!

School Tours:

A number of classes have been on their tours this month. 2nd and 3rd Classes went to Midleton on separate days and made some pottery and pizzas. 1st Class went to Fota, 4th went to Blackrock Castle Observatory and 6th Class went to Dublin. Tours are fun and educational and are a nice event at the end of the school year for everyone to look forward to.

Drama Exams:

Well done to everyone in Ms. Crowley's Drama Class for doing so well in their drama exams this month. They received their certificates at assembly last week. We are all very proud of them.

5th Class Tours:

5th Class had their official school tour last month but this month they continued their travels by touring around Little Island. They visited Pepsi and the Ballymaloe Factory. They had visited Jannssen in April. There are many benefits to these visits including helping our students to know what is going on in their local environment and showing them some of the possible careers that may be available to them.

Blue Star Programme:

Some of our classes worked on this project this year. The **Blue Star Programme** is an education initiative for primary school students across Ireland. The idea of the **programme** is simple: to foster better understanding and knowledge of Europe and how it affects the lives of Irish citizens through classroom projects and activities. We are delighted to have received our certificate and flag for the successful completion of the programme.

Science Award:

We also submitted an application for this award based on the work done in all the classes this year. Science is part of the curriculum but our staff has engaged very creatively with this subject this year. We are delighted to have been awarded a plaque in recognition of the high quality work that has been done.

PA Gold Rush:

Our Parents Association organised our annual Gold Rush this month. Thank you to everyone who sent money in for this fundraiser. We were thrilled to raise more than €1000 this year. That is a huge amount of money and we are very grateful to everyone involved.

Active Schools Week:

As you will have seen on our app we had a 6 day Active School Week this month. We had a healthy cooking demonstration, Superstars, Ninja training, orienteering, soccer leagues, a basketball fun day and our Sports Day. It was fantastic fun and everyone really enjoyed it. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the week possible.

Senior Infants Summer Panto/Graduation:

Our Senior Infants put on a show for their families last week. They were excellent. Ms. Crowley and Siobhán presented them with certificates to mark their finishing up in the infant part of the school. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported them and well done to Seniors!

6th Class Graduation:

6th Class had their graduation ceremony last Friday. It was a lovely occasion. We are very proud of the young people they have grown into and are sure they are ready to shine in second level and beyond. Thank you to Mr. Murray for all the work he put into the ceremony and the yearbook. Thank you to our Parents Association who paid for the yearbooks and looked after the teas and coffees afterwards. Some of our families are finished with us now so I would like to thank them for all their support over the years. There have been a lot of changes to our school since they started and our school is a better place thanks to your help.

That's all for now. I wish you all a happy and a safe summer.

All the best,
Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Friday 29th June: school closes at 12.15pm for all classes for summer holidays.

Thursday August 30th: school opens for new school year. Normal times for all classes.