

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter February 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our monthly newsletter. There has been a lot going on around the school and there is much more planned for the months ahead. Thank you to all of our staff, children and parents for their help and support so far this year. We can all be very proud of our school.

4th Class Indoor Hurling and Camogie:

Our boys and girls took part in the indoor hurling and camogie blitzes this month. They were held in our local Sports Complex which is very convenient for us. Both teams were very competitive and played very well. They also represented our school very well and we are very proud of them.

Gymnastics:

Gymnastics has started for 1st-4th classes and will run for six weeks. We have an excellent coach and everyone is enjoying it. They are learning how to stretch properly, how to execute proper and safe hand stands and rolls and much more. Check out our app for more pictures and information.

Lismore Science Workshops:

Lismore Mobile Science Workshops were held in our school today in each class. They covered a variety of areas and topics including CSI, Astronaut University, Chemistry and Shocking Science.

We were delighted with the work that was done and the experience that was afforded to our students.

Water Guardian Programme:

Noel, Gavin and Nick called to visit earlier this month to tell our 5th and 6th classes about Cork Harbour Water Keeper. Their mission is to have drinkable, swimmable and fishable water in Cork Harbour.

They are also working with our local cubs and scouts. They will help with local beach clean-ups to gain an eco-merit badge.

We are going to make logos, slogans and/or posters on the theme "Solution to Pollution" by March 4th. On completion of this piece of work our students will receive a certificate awarding them the title **Water Guardian!**

RSA Workshops:

Cathal from the Road Safety Authority came in this week to speak to our students about how to stay safe on our roads. He reminded them about wearing safety belts, crossing the road safely, cycling safely, and much more. He handed out some reflective arms bands to remind us all to Be Safe, Be Seen.

Investigating with microscopes:

NUIG (National University of Ireland, Galway) have a science outreach programme for primary schools. As part of this they loan proper, expensive microscopes to primary schools. We have

secured these microscopes for use as part of our Science curriculum. They are amazing and add huge value to the work that our teachers are doing.

East Cork Studios:

Austin and Gwen from East Cork Studios will be in again this year to take photographs of children, families and JI and 6th Classes. Photos are being taken on Thursday this week.

FAI 5-a-side soccer:

This FAI competition will take place at the end of March. Our boys and girls will start training this week and then we will pick our panels. John Gettings has agreed to help out again this year and we are delighted to have his knowledge and expertise to add to the skill and talent of our students that has been developed by their local soccer clubs, especially Leaside AFC.

Mini Sevens Hurling and Camogie:

The boys' and girls' blitzes for this competition will take place before Easter and we will be organising training for this as well. Thank you to the teachers who have agreed to organise and train our students for all of these events.

That's all for now. Keep an eye on our app for up to date news and events.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

4th-8th March: Engineer's Week

4th March: Tyndall Institute Science Workshop in 5th

5th March: Engineer from Dunkettle works in to speak to 5th and 6th Classes.

5th March: Water Guardian slogans/posters being collected.

7th March: World Book Day – children may dress up as characters from books.

11th March: First Confession

12th – 15th March: Scholastic Book Fair: books on sale for children to buy and our school gets a percentage back in free books for our class libraries.

18th March: School closed for St. Patrick's Day (public holiday)

22nd March: school closed for in-service for Primary Language Curriculum

28th March: Board of Management meeting.