

## Scoil Inse Rátha

### Déan do Dhícheall

#### Newsletter May 2022

#### Dear Parents,

It is a very busy term with lots going on. It is hard to keep up! This is what we have missed since 2019 so there is a great buzz around the school.

**Holy Communion:** Congratulations to our children who received their Holy Communion recently. They did a great job and were a credit to their families and to our school. Well done to all involved in preparing them. Thanks to Fr. Damien for a lovely ceremony and to the children from 3rd class who helped out with the choir.

**Lego Workshops:** We had Lego workshops in each class this month. There were very enjoyable and very educational as well. Children learn so much through play without realising it! Check out our app for photos from each class.

**World Bee Day:** We celebrated World Bee Day this month. Hanna, Julius in Junior Infants mother, brought in an observation hive for everyone to see how bees operate. It was very interesting to see how all the bees interact in the hive. We also learned how essential bees are to our survival.

**Inspector Visit:** Our Department of Education school inspector spent the day with us on Monday last week. She called to several classes and spoke to the teachers and children. She was full of praise for the work being done here and for the atmosphere in the school. She was very impressed with our students both in class and around the building. We know how good our school is but it was lovely to get such high praise from our inspector. Her job is to evaluate schools so the praise we received was well deserved. We should all be proud of our school community and not take it for granted.

**FAI Soccer:** Our soccer tournament has finished now. It has been competitive and fun and children have learned how to play together, lead by example, regulate their own emotions and deal with winning and losing. These are important life skills so it is more than just kicking a ball around a field. It was also fun!

**City Sports:** City Sports are on this week. Training continues at small break and the team is taking shape nicely. We wish them well on the day and hope they enjoy the experience. Cork City Sports is the largest outdoor athletics event in Europe with nearly 5,000 athletes taking part on one day.

**Junior Achievement:** volunteers from various industries and businesses have been working with our classes this term. There are different programmes in each class - see [www.jai.ie](http://www.jai.ie) for more details. We are grateful to all the volunteers who work with us during the year and who share their time, knowledge and experiences with us.

**Engineering in a Box:** 6th Class are learning about various areas of engineering through this programme. Last week we learned about electronic engineering and we had to design our own circuits.

**Staffing Update:** our student population has dropped over the last few years. Teachers are allocated to a school based on the number of children in the school. As a result, we will lose a teacher for next year. This will mean that some of our classes will be split. We have to divide the number of children we have by the number of teachers we have and have a relatively even amount of children in each class. More information will follow before the end of the school year.

**New Junior Infants:** our new Junior Infants will have their Induction Day on June 8th. We met their parents last week. We look forward to welcoming new members to our school community and to continuing our relationship with our existing families. Thank you to our Parents Association for helping out with the Information Evening.

**Artist:** Julie has finished her work with 6<sup>th</sup> Class. We have displayed the work the group have created in reception and around the school. Check out our app to see photos of what they produced. We are very proud of their creations and Julie was full of praise for the class, saying they were a pleasure to work with. Well done to all involved.

There is so much going on in each room that it is difficult to do it justice in a newsletter. We have a fabulous staff working with amazing children in a wonderful community with supportive parents. Thank you to everyone for making our school a great place to learn and work.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

### **Up Coming Events:**

Each class has their school tour booked. These will take place over the next month.

**30<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June:** Cork City Marathon Challenge: 6<sup>th</sup> Class will work together to run a marathon a day for three days. Each child will run nearly 2km or 8 laps of the school each day to make up the 42Km of a marathon. The Cork City Marathon is on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**3<sup>rd</sup> June:** Cork City Sports

**7<sup>th</sup> June:** school closed

**8<sup>th</sup> June:** 1pm Induction Day for new Junior Infants. Our current JI&SI finish at 12.15pm to accommodate this.

**10<sup>th</sup> June:** Basketball Fun Day

**13<sup>th</sup> June:** Italian Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> Class in UCC.

**14<sup>th</sup> June:** Boys Sciath na Scol football blitz.

**15<sup>th</sup> June:** Girls Sciath na Scol football blitz.

**16<sup>th</sup> June:** School Sports Day.

**20<sup>th</sup> June:** Summer Reports to be posted this week.

**24<sup>th</sup> June:** 1pm Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

**28<sup>th</sup> June:** School closes at 12.15pm for Summer Holidays.