

Scoil Inse Rátha
Déan do Dhícheall
Newsletter June 2022

Dear Parents,

Gillian Daly:

June started with the devastating news of the death of our much loved colleague Gillian Daly. Gillian had been a part of our team here for many years. She was warm, gentle and highly intelligent teacher who had a deep knowledge of teaching. It is difficult to process her death. We will commemorate Gillian's time in Little Island NS next term. We send our deepest and heartfelt condolences to her husband, sons and family.

As we reach the end of another year in our school we can reflect on all that we have achieved together. Our students have had lots of opportunities to try different experiences, along with excellent teaching, helping them to achieve their potential within the curriculum. We are all grateful to be part of such a lovely school community and we can be proud of what we have here. Thank you to our students, who make it such a pleasure to work here, our parents, Parents Association, Board of Management and local community for everything you did this year to make our school a better place. It has been particularly good to be able to have the activities we have missed over the last two years. Here are some of the highlights from this month.

Cork City Sports:

We had a team of boys and girls taking part in the City Sports this year in MTU. It was a gorgeous day and there was a great atmosphere. Our athletes represented our school excellently and we are very proud of them. We won a few trophies which added to the experience.

Leeside AFC Girls Soccer:

Some of our past pupils returned to our school for assembly this month. They were part of the Leeside U-15 team that won the cup. They told us all about it and even gave our students homework off! It is always nice to see our past pupils. We also heard that Clodagh is playing on the Cork team and that she is

into an All-Ireland Final and that Jill is coaching the Cork City Academy. We are proud of all their achievements but even more proud of the people they are.

Italian Graduation:

6th Class have been studying Italian with Ms. Ginevra this year. They were invited to the Italian Department in UCC to a graduation ceremony this month to celebrate their year's work. We had a tour of the UCC campus and were presented with special certificates. Hopefully we will see them celebrating in UCC in years to come again!

Boys and Girls Football Blitzes:

There wasn't time this year to run a Sciath na Scol football competition so instead one day blitzes were organised. Our boys went to Brian Dillons GAA Club in Mayfield to play their matches. We had two teams entered and they did very well. Our girls went to Cobh to play their games and they also represented our school very well. Both the boys and girls teams returned to the school reporting that they were unbeaten in their matches! It was great fun and it was a pleasure bringing the players.

3rd&4th Class Hurling Blitz:

In an effort to promote hurling Ms. Morgan organised a friendly blitz in Erin's Own with Kinsale and Glenville. Everyone had great fun and we hope that some of the children involved may be inspired to join Erin's Own during the summer. Our school hurling competition won't take place until after the February midterm so our students need to practice at home between now and then. Well done to all involved on the day.

School Tours:

It has been really exciting over the last few weeks to have school tours back. We have travelled near and far on our tours and they have been a great experience. Our students have enjoyed activity camps, boat trips, history and geography lessons, shopping centres, decision making and much more on these trips. We are only able to undertake these trips because our students are so good.

New Junior Infants:

Our new Junior Infants and their parents came to visit our school this month. It was a lovely opportunity to welcome our newest members to our school community. Our Parents Association were there to help out and spoke of the importance of parental involvement to help our school be the best it can be for our children. We look forward to welcoming them into our school in September.

Sports Day:

We held our annual Sports Day last week. We had a glorious day and our children took part in many events and everyone won medals. We were delighted to see so many families coming out to support the day and as always it was lovely to see so many of our past pupils again. The adult and pre-schoolers races added to the atmosphere. Thank you to the PA who again peeled and chopped fruit and served drinks for our children.

Basketball Fun Day:

Mark Scannell was back for the annual Basketball Fun Day last week. The children played fun games and matches and won some spot prizes. It has been another successful year with Mark's excellent coaching and our students have benefitted greatly from it.

6th Class Graduation:

After eight years for most of our 6th Class it is time to say goodbye to them. It has been our privilege to have been able to work with them over the years. They are a wonderful group and we are very proud of the young people they are growing into. We celebrate their time with us at Graduation this week. Thank you to the PA who paid for the yearbook again this year – it is a lovely keepsake to have.

Mick Glavin:

After nearly 20 years as our caretaker, Mick Glavin is retiring at the end of the summer. Mick has been our Bob the Builder and head problem solver. There isn't a job we have found that he couldn't sort out or advise on. He is always a pleasant and approachable person who is loved by children and staff alike. We will miss him but thank him for his sterling work over all the years. We hope that he has a long and happy retirement. Our PA and Board of Management will make a presentation to Mick at assembly on Friday.

That's all for now. I hope you all have a lovely, enjoyable and safe summer.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

Tues June 28th: school closes at 12.15pm for the summer holidays.

Tues Aug 30th: school reopens for all classes.