

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter April 2024

Dear Parents,

We got a brief taste of summer last week and hopefully we won't have to wait too long to see the sun again! With Confirmation over, and preparation well under way for Holy Communion and City Sports, we know we are into the Summer Term and the end of year activities. There is still lots of work to be done. Some of that important work will look a bit different, with classes outside (hopefully!) and some field trips.

Confirmation:

Students from 6th Class received their Confirmation recently. They worked hard to prepare for the sacrament and were a credit to their school and to their families on the day. Monsignor Dullea conducted a lovely, child centred ceremony and Fr. Damian guided the children so everyone was able to enjoy the day with the minimum stress. It was a wonderful occasion and the children enjoyed it. Thank you to all the people who made it possible and especially to the children who were brilliant!

2nd/3rd Athletics:

2nd & 3rd class have been taking part in an athletics programme with Trevor and The Cork Sports Partnership over the last six weeks. It has been a great way to learn about different areas of athletics while also improving fundamental movement skills. Athletics training can improve overall movement skills, which is good as an end in itself, and can also benefit all other sports. At the end of the programme, they went to an athletics blitz in Cobh where they were joined by Sonia O'Sullivan. They had fabulous weather and really enjoyed the experience. Well done to all involved.

Board of Management:

Our Board of Management met this month. We have a few issues in relation to the flat roof and the yard that need to be resolved and our Board are working on the best way to resolve these. We ratified our updated Admissions Policy and Admissions Notice along with planning classes and staffing for the year ahead. We are lucky to have such a committed group of volunteers to look after and to lead our school.

African Drumming:

All of our classes took part in an African Drumming Workshop. It was a wonderful experience that was different from anything else we do in school. It was lots of fun and the children enjoyed it. This is one of the extra things that we can only offer thanks to your support of our brown envelopes.

Creative Schools (Bricks4Kids):

3rd and 4th were due to have a Lego Workshop for the day last week but has now been rescheduled to May 23rd.

Cycle/scoot to school – Safe Routes to School:

We had a huge turnout for our cycle/scoot/walk to school day last week. Thank you to everyone who turned up. It is important for An Taisce and The County Council to see the bike shelter being used so they can see the need for proper cycling and walking infrastructure around Little Island. I have sent on the pictures to make sure they know we want better footpaths and cycle paths so our children can travel to and from school safely.

Hot Lunches:

We have our launch date! On May 31st The Lunch Bag will launch the hot meals. Each child will be given a code for their parents to use on the app. We sent out the letter during the week via Aladdin so if you didn't get it please email Jacinta at info@littleislandns.com. Hot Meals will be delivered to the school from June 5th.

Sciath na Scol:

Children from 4th, 5th and 6th played in the Sciath na Scol hurling competition this year. We played four matches. They have been training hard for about eight weeks before school and at lunch time. It was very rewarding to see how much their skills developed over that period of time. They represented the school really well and we are all very proud of them. I hope that some of the boys and girls who started playing this year will join Erin's Own or whatever club is near where they live.

Active Schools Week:

This week is Active Schools Week. Children are being encouraged to do active homework. We are also doing a wide variety of activities during the day in class and on yard. There has been a 10 min dance/movement activity every morning before school that has really got the blood flowing! There has been our normal PE and running along with activities for different classes at break and lunchtime.

That's all for now.

All the best,

Micheál Rea

Up Coming Events:

2nd May: PA Gold Rush

6th-10th May: school closed for midterm break

16th May: Revenue to visit with their dogs unit

20th May: World Bee Day – Hanna Backmo to speak to the children.

23rd May: school closes at 12.30pm to facilitate staff meeting for new Primary Maths Curriculum

25th May: 11am Holy Communion

29th May: 7pm: Information Evening for parents of new Junior Infant parents

30th May: Cork City Sports

31st May: School Hot Meals Launch date -meals delivered from June 5th.