



# Christmas Newsletter



Scoil Fhursa Lyre  
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## A Message from the Principal

December 2017

Dear Parents

The first term has been a busy and happy time at Scoil Fhursa. In total we have welcomed 21 new pupil to the school, 17 boys and girls in Junior Infants and 4 other children to other classes. They are all fantastic boys and girls and a great addition to our school community. They have settled in very well and are making great progress in their classes.

All of our pupils have been working hard during the first term which is evident from their beautiful work displays in the classrooms and on the corridors. We are very fortunate to have such well-behaved, helpful and polite children in our school. They are a credit to their families and I am sure that Santa will reward them well this Christmas, as they are bound to be on his nice list.

Well done to the whole community for organising a lovely Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration at the Community Centre on December 8th. The children really enjoyed preparing the festive carols and singing them on the night.

Thank you to the Parent Association for their continued work and support. The art calendar which was produced from the children's artwork was beautiful and I hope that everyone now has a copy hanging in their home.

I wish you all the very best for the Christmas Season and look forward to meeting you all in 2018. Enjoy the Christmas break

*Noreen Duggan*

*Principal*

## Christmas Calendar

Our wonderful Parent Association members organised the production of a fundraising calendar featuring the work of the very talented artists in our school. Calendars cost €10 and are available from the school.

Not only are they a practical gift for someone but they highlight the beautiful artwork of our pupils from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. Please support

## Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to Gearoid Tully (4th) & Rachel Sheehan (6th) who were awarded prizes in two separate Kanturk Credit Union Primary School Art Competitions. Well done Gearoid and Rachel. Keep up the lovely artwork

## School Website

Please check our school website for regular updates, parent resources, news and policies on:

[www.lyrenationalschool.com](http://www.lyrenationalschool.com)

## Parent's Association

Our Parent Association officers are as follows:

**Chairperson:** Anne Lamont

**Secretary:** John Rehill

**Treasurer:** Mary Healy

We wish them every success with their future endeavors and appreciate all their efforts on behalf of our school.

AGM will take place in the New Year

*Merry Christmas*



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## Junior Infants

In September, our school welcomed 17 Junior Infants:

Evan McCarthy, Finn McCarthy, Julia Jedrzejewska, Adam Reihill, Isla O'Sullivan, Cillian Chambers, Cillian Browne, Jack Condon, Kate Condon, Daithi Tully, Liam Roberts, Fiaidh McAuliffe, Niamh Brennan, Isabella Twomey, Robyn Lane, Darren Cronin & Dylan Cronin.

The following children have also joined other classes; Rachel, Colin and Sean Leszek and Sara Connolly. We hope that each and every new pupil will be happy at Scoil Fhursa.

## Comic Creators

In October, 5th and 6th Class travelled to Cork County Library with Ms. O'Connell and Ms. Duggan for a Comic Creators Workshop and tour of County Hall. The children really enjoyed the trip and were very creative in the lovely comic strips which they created as a result of the workshop. They also had an opportunity to have a debate as county councillors in council chambers which they relished. I'm sure we have some budding politicians in our midst judging by the passionate nature of the debating!

## Witches & Wizard's Walk

At Halloween, staff and pupils took part in Witches' and Wizards' Walk around Lyre Village and the Ard na nGleann Estate. The children loved the opportunity to dress up and walk around their community.

That afternoon, the Parents' Association provided sweets and treats for a lovely school Halloween Party. Thanks to all who supported the children for this event

## Duhallow Rural Schools GAA

In late October, girls and boys from 3rd—6th classes participated in the Duhallow Rural Schools Football Grading blitz, where each team played their hearts out. The teams will enter the competitive rounds of this schools' competition in March and we wish them every success.

## Health Promoting Schools

In October, Road Safety Officer, Conor came to Scoil Fhursa to educate all the boys and girls in our school about road safety.

Each classroom was treated to a well-delivered talk and workshop on the steps required to be safe on our roads, whether travelling by car, bicycle or on foot. The children enjoyed the workshop and learned a lot from it.

In October, Mrs. White and the HPS Committee organised Friendship Week in our school to promote kindness and inclusion in all classes. The children participated in all the events of Friendship Week and we thank Mrs. White for her assistance in leading this event

## New Staff

A warm welcome to our new staff members:

Senior Class Teacher: Jessica O'Connell

Part-Time Special Ed. Teacher: Maura Foley

We hope that they will enjoy their time working at Scoil Fhursa

## GAA Training

Thanks to Gabriel Tully who has been volunteering to help children from 1st to 6th class with their hurling skills on Fridays. His assistance is much appreciated by children and staff

## Christmas Mass

On Monday December 18th, the children and staff attended the Scoil Fhursa Christmas Mass in St. Joseph's Church. The children participated beautifully in the Mass through reading and song. Our thanks to Fr. Winter for celebrating this occasion with the children.

## Remembrance Tree

In November the pupils of Scoil Fhursa remembered those who have died on our school Remembrance Tree located in the school hall

## Swimming

Swimming dates have been set for the New Year and will be forwarded to all parents from 1st to 6th class following the Christmas holidays. The 8 week course in Mallow Swimming Pool will begin on January 18th and will conclude in March. We ask all parents of 1st Class children to prepare them for using the changing rooms and for drying and clothing themselves after their swim, before the lessons begin.