



Easter Newsletter

Scoil Fhursa Lyre
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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians

Easter time has come around once again and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Our Easter Newsletter is packed with news about all our school activities and events since Christmas. As you will see the staff and children have been extremely busy and I wish to congratulate them on their wonderful work and achievements.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you, our parents for your support and assistance in all school projects however great or small. Our work together greatly benefits your children's education and happiness at school.

Enjoy the Easter festivities and I look forward to working with you all as we complete the school year in our final term.

Noreen Duggan

Neven Maguire Fundraiser

On March 10th a school fundraiser with Neven Maguire, Celebrity Chef, was organised by the Parent Association. The event was a tremendous success with a fantastic cookery demonstration, artisan food stalls, prizes and cheese and wine reception. A lovely supportive and generous atmosphere permeated the evening.

A special word of thanks to those who worked so hard to organise the event over the past number of months; Orla O'Shea, Marcella O'Connell, Norah O'Riordan, Vikki O'Reilly, Grace Shevlin, Claire O'Keeffe and Paudi O'Shea. Without their commitment, drive and determination, the fundraiser would not have been the wonderful success it was.

Thanks to all of you for your generous support and to the wider community also. I am truly touched by the generosity and goodwill displayed towards our school. I will update you all on how the money was spent in the summer newsletter.

1916 Centenary Celebration

On Tuesday, March 15th we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Easter 1916 Rising with schools all over Ireland, by raising the Tricolour and celebrating our Irish culture with music, song and poetry.

The 1916 Proclamation was read and was followed by our 2016 School Proclamation for a New Generation as composed by 3rd to 6th Classes.

Well done to all the children for their wonderful participation in the event and to their teachers for preparing them. Thanks also to all the parents who were available to attend to celebrate with us.



School Website

For all events, news and updates for Scoil Fhursa, please visit our website on :

www.lyrenationalschool.com

Share the address with family and friends so that they can keep up with the childrens' work and achievements

Health Promoting School

Our efforts to obtain Health Promoting School status are ongoing at Scoil Fhursa. Ms. Leahy and the Health Promoting School Committee recently held a competition to find the pupils with the healthiest lunches. The results are as follows:

Mrs. Roche's Room: Lucy Lane

Ms. Leahy's Room: Orlagh Brennan

Ms. Duggan's Room: Ciara Philpott

Well done to all the children

Green School

We continue working towards receiving our 2nd Green Flag on the theme of Energy. A new Green School Committee has been elected to assist coordinator Mrs. Roche. These are: Michelle O'Keeffe, Katie O'Connor, Ciara Brennan, Lil Murphy, Aaron O'Shea, Grainne O'Neill and Lauren O'Riordan.

The committee are currently holding a poster competition regarding promotion of energy conservation and we wish them the very best with their endeavours

First Confession

On Thursday March 3rd, children from 2nd Class received The Sacrament of Penance in St. Joseph's Church, Lyre. They were a credit to their families, school and teacher. The beautiful artwork, prayers and songs added greatly to this wonderful occasion.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Christina Leahy for her work in preparing the children and for making the occasion a memorable one for the children.

Thanks to Fr. Winter for celebrating the sacrament with the children

We look forward to Saturday, May 14th when the children will celebrate their First Holy Communion.

Physical Education

Well done to all the children from 1st to 6th Class who recently completed an 8 week swimming course at Mallow Swimming Complex.

Coach David Beckom will rejoin the boys and girls for games coaching after Easter beginning on April 4th.

All pupils to wear tracksuit and runners.

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to the under 11 and 13 teams who represented the school in the Kanturk region of The Credit Union Quiz. These included: Michael Twomey, Aoife O'Neill, Michelle O'Keeffe, Shannon O'Shaughnessy, Jekaterina Obrezane, Emma Healy, Katie O'Connor and Emma McSweeney in the U-13 category and Ciara Brennan, Anastasia Jumbo, Ryan O'Dwyer, Holly O'Sullivan, David Cummins-Leahy, Rachel Sheehan, Sofija Obrezane and Ciara Philpott in the U-11 category.

Congratulations to Michael, Emma Healy, Michelle and Aoife who came second in the U-13 category and to Anastasia, Ciara Philpott, Ryan and Sofija who were awarded 3rd place in the U-11 category. We are very proud of all our quiz teams and look forward to next year's competition

All Ireland School's Badminton

Congratulations to David Collins, Josh Jumbo, Ben O'Shaughnessy and Michael Twomey who recently competed for Scoil Fhursa in the All Ireland Schools' Badminton Finals in Dublin. The boys did very well and we are proud of how brilliantly they represented our school. Thanks to Mrs. Finn who travelled with them and congratulations to Banteer N.S. boys and girls teams for emerging victorious on the day

Retirement

Best wishes from the Board of Management, staff, pupils and parents of Scoil Fhursa to our school secretary Suzanne Fitzgerald who retires following ten years as secretary in Scoil Fhursa.

We will miss Suzanne greatly as part of our school community and we wish her every health and happiness as she embarks on new adventures. Thank you Suzanne. It has been a pleasure to work with you.