



Summer Newsletter



Scoil Fhursa Lyre
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A Message from the Principal

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Dear Parents

It's hard to believe that another school year has passed and that summer holidays are upon us once more. We have had a very exciting and successful year at Scoil Fhursa and our pupils have achieved a lot to be proud of in the course of the school year.

I wish to thank the wonderful staff of the school for their hard-work and dedication to all of our pupils. Sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Management for their commitment to the school. My heartfelt appreciation to our fantastic Parents Association who have worked all year to fundraise to improve resources and facilities for our pupils. My gratitude extends to all the parent body of this school for your support for all our activities.

Finally to the wonderful boys and girls of Scoil Fhursa. You have all been a pleasure to teach this year. You have worked hard and your teachers are very proud of your efforts. At school your behaviour is a credit to your families. Keep up the good work and we look forward to an even more successful year next year.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all when term begins again on August 29th

Noreen Duggan

Green School Flag

On May 27th Mrs. Roche together with members of the Green School Committee, Shane McAuliffe (6th Class) and Elizabeth Philpott (5th Class) travelled to the Silversprings Hotel in Cork for the An Taisce Green Flag Awards. They proudly brought the school's first ever Green Flag back to Scoil Fhursa where it was raised amidst great ceremony and excitement on Wed. June 25th. The children performed on their tin whistles, sang and danced for all our guests. The flag was then raised by Siobhan Leonard and Dylan O'Keeffe. After the ceremony it was on to some serious celebrating with plenty of games, food and drink. A special word of thanks to the BOM for facilitating the celebration day, to the PA for all their assistance, to all the parents who donated baking, to Dermot McCarthy for donating amplification, to Bill Ducey of Ballyclough Engineering for making the flagpoles and to John Lane and John Collins for putting the flagpoles in place. Finally congratulations to the Green School Committee, the staff and all of the pupils on your achievement. Here's to our next Green Flag!

New Infants

Welcome to our new Junior Infants and their parents who visited us and spent some time with their teacher Mrs. Roche on Thursday June 13th. We are delighted that Joe Cahill, Emmet O'Shea, Tim Savage, Lauren O'Riordan and Leah O'Reilly will join our school community next year. We hope they will be very happy in Scoil Fhursa.

Sixth Class

Best wishes to Darragh Kiely, Shane McAuliffe, Aoife O'Dwyer, Callum O'Shaughnessy, Rebecca Sheehan, Michal Zur and Sarah Cahill as they venture to secondary school next year. We wish them every success and happiness in their lives and hope to hear of their wonderful achievements in the years ahead.

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

New policies on the website include: Anti-bullying Policy and Parents as Partners Policy





Duhallow Rural Schools Competition

Well done to the boys and girls from 3rd-6th Class who participated this year in The Duhallow Rural Schools Competition. The boys participated in the 8-a-side football competition and the girls in the 10-a-side football. The boys were narrowly defeated and after an excellent performance, narrowly failed to qualify for the final. The girls enjoyed great success in their competition and were worthy qualifiers for the final which was played in May. Following a grueling final against Ballydesmond, our ladies were defeated. Eventhough they were disappointed they were gracious runners-up and we as a school are proud of both their skill and sporting attitude. Both teams owe much to Pat O'Shaughnessy and Declan Philpott for giving of their free time to provide coaching after school. We are very grateful to both coaches and also to all the parents who continue to volunteer to drive children to the matches. We are already looking forward to next year's competition. Well done everybody

First Holy Communion

On Saturday May 17th, the sun shone brightly as 9 children from Second Class received their First Holy Communion in St Joseph's Church Lyre. Under the excellent guidance of their teacher Ms. Leahy, the children read, sang and prayed beautifully. Their wonderful art work added to this special celebration.

Well done to the children of First to Sixth Classes who sang so magnificently during the ceremony. A lovely day was enjoyed by all. A word of thanks to Ms. Leahy, Father Winter and the parents of Second Class for their preparation, support and encouragement for the First Communicants.

Rising Stars Golf

Our pupils have just completed 6 weeks of golf lessons from Rising Stars coach, Jamie every Monday. The children really enjoyed their golfing lessons. We hope that they have benefitted from the exercise and skills they have learned.

School Tours

On Thursday June 5th Junior Infants to Second Class enjoyed their school tour. The children attended a performance of Little Red Riding Hood in the Briery Gap Theatre in Macroom followed by a picnic with fun and games in the playground in Millstreet. The weather held up for the day and all arrived back at school happy and exhausted at 3pm.

On Tuesday June 17th Third to Sixth Classes attended the Crafty Hands Pottery Workshop in Middleton. Here they learned pottery techniques and produced their own pieces of pottery. Afterwards it was lunch and on to Trabolgan for some swimming and fun. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip.

School Garden

The children have worked very hard on the School Garden this year. They are growing potatoes, cabbage, radishes, lettuce, strawberries, rhubarb, broad beans, peas, mint, fennel, oregano, parsley, lavender, rosemary and nasturtiums. As the school was entered in the Muintir na Tire School Garden Competition, Margaret and Denis from Muintir na Tire and Griffin's Garden Centre visited the school to judge the garden for the competition on June 5th. Ms. Duggan and members of the School Garden Committee Darragh Kiely (6th Class), Colum O'Neill (5th Class) and Ben O'Shaughnessy (4th Class) attended the awards ceremony in County Hall on June 24th. The children were thrilled to receive an award for the school garden and €125 towards the development of the garden. For updates and information visit our School Garden page on our website www.lyrenationalschool.com