



Summer Newsletter

Scoil Fhursa Lyre
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A Message from the Principal

June 2016

Dear Parents

Without doubt it is time for the Summer holidays as evenings are longer and uniforms shorter! As another school year draws to a close, we look back at some of the wonderful achievements brought to fruition this year.

Scoil Fhursa benefits greatly from the wonderful work of volunteers in both the Board of Management and Parents Association. The sense of volunteerism permeates the school as the children learn the value of giving to their community from such wonderful role models. My sincere gratitude to them for their work and dedication throughout the year.

The pupils of Scoil Fhursa are lucky to have such committed teachers work with them, to ensure not only their academic achievement but also their holistic development. I thank each of them for the wonderful way in which they look after your children here at school

You as parents have proven to be constant supporters of this school over the years. Thank you for encouraging your children to be kind, thoughtful and respectful. Your interest in their education and progress is a joy to behold. I appreciate your support.

Finally to all our wonderful boys and girls. Always remember that your individuality is to be cherished. You are exceptional children and I am thankful that we as teachers can be a part of your lives. Keep working hard and making progress.

Enjoy the Summer holidays. May the sun shine for all of us!

Noreen Duggan

New Infants

We welcome 16 new Junior Infants to our school community this year; Paddy Ryan, Morgan McSweeney, Daniel Duggan-Howard, Nathan Mannin, Eoghan O'Neill, Jack Moynihan, Jayden Sexton, Michael McCarthy, Bobby Philpott, Joshua O'Sullivan, Bayley Walsh, Dara O'Riordan, Isobella Twomey, Megan Roberts, Saoirse McAuliffe, Hazel O'Sullivan. They are all wonderful children and we hope that they will be very happy in Scoil Fhursa.

Sixth Class

Best wishes to our wonderful Rang 6 who leave us this year for secondary school. We will greatly miss; Ben O Shaughnessy, Jack Cahill, Noah Walsh, Emma Healy, Aoife O'Neill, Katrin Obrezan, Michelle O'Keeffe and Shannon O'Shaughnessy. We wish them every success and happiness in their lives and hope to hear of their wonderful achievements in the years ahead. Good luck to you all!

Green School

Our Green School Committee continue to work towards achieving a second Green Flag on the theme of energy and hope to apply for the recognition in the coming school year.

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 parents, please visit our Parents Resources Page and see our Frequently Asked Questions Section. Keep up to date with events on our School Garden and Health Promoting Schools pages.





Wellness Week

A very successful “Wellness Week” led by our Health Promoting Schools Team under the guidance of Ms. Leahy was held in June. Events during the week included:

Mindful/Fitness Monday –Mindful colouring activities and fitness activities with volunteers: Bridget Brennan, Caroline O’Sullivan, Michelle O’Shea, Gillian Ring and Laura Sheehan

Tuesday Treat: Folk Dancing with Instructors Larry and Ita Southard

Water Bottle Wednesday: Design and decorate a personal water bottle

Tasty Thursday: Variety of healthy snacks prepared by Gillian Ring, Michelle O’Shea, Bridget Brennan, Caroline O’Sullivan and Laura Sheehan which the children thoroughly enjoyed

Friday Fun: Athletics with Mrs. Finn. Classroom yoga

Thanks to the staff, parents and children for participating so enthusiastically in all the events.

Having secured our Health Promoting School status I want to congratulate all the children, teachers and parents but in particular Ms Leahy , our coordinator and the Health Promoting School Committee. Log onto our HPS webpage and enjoy the pictures of all our activities

First Holy Communion

On Sat. May 14th Abby, Marelle, Grace, Orlagh, Aaron, Gearoid, Brian, Taylon and Jack received their First Holy Communion in St.Joseph’s Church. A wonderful celebration was enjoyed by all who attended. The children were a credit to their families and teachers in the manner in which they sang and prayed. The artwork created for the occasion was truly beautiful. A word of thanks to Ms. Leahy and all the staff for their work on behalf of the children. Thanks also to the children who sang in the choir and our organist Suzanne as well as Fr. Winter. All of your efforts made the celebration so special for the First Communicants and their families.

Duhallow Rural Schools

Congratulations to the boys and girls from 3rd to 6th Class who participated in the Duhallow Rural Schools Camogie and Football Competitions. Everyone played their hearts out! Well done to the Ladies 12-a-side football team who claimed victory from Ballydesmond in their final. They truly deserved it. Thanks to Ms. Harrington, Bridget Brennan and Caroline O’Sullivan for coaching the girls prior to the final. The team included: Shannon, Aoife, Michelle, Katrin Ciara, Katie, Emma, Sofija, Anastasia, Holly, Rachel and Ciara B

School Tours

On Monday June 20th, 4th , 5th and 6th Class travelled to Kartworld in Watergrasshill for their school tour. There they enjoyed a host of activities including Karting, Laser Tag, Sumo Wrestling, Gladiator Jousting, Archery and Bubble Football. A fantastic day of fun was enjoyed by all. Junior Infants to Third Class travelled to Mallow GAA Complex on Friday June 24th for their Let’s Go School Tour. The children were exhausted after a day of fun and frolics and everyone gave it a resounding thumbs up!

Fundraising

Due to the fantastic work of the organizing committee of the Neven Maguire Fundraiser and the overwhelming support for it we are currently in the process of purchasing new resources for the children including I Pads, Science Equipment, Graded Readers, Sports Equipment and Goal Post Padding. Money is also being allocated to each classroom so that age-specific resources can be specifically purchased. When items have been delivered, we will have a display night for parents and will also place photos on our school website so that everyone can see what good use the money collected was put to . Thanks again to all involved for their hard work and to you all for your support.