



Summer Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

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Dear Parents,

Another school year has come to an end and we say goodbye to our 6th Class and welcome our new Junior Infants. The time has come to put away the pencils and copybooks and take out the bicycles, footballs and sun cream (hopefully!).

Thanks to the dedicated staff of our school who make my job as Principal so much easier through their support and hard work. It is fantastic that our school has such a committed team, working together for the good of the children. Thanks also to the members of the Board of Management and Parent Association for their unwavering support for all the staff and pupils of the school.

The children of Scoil Fhursa are absolutely amazing and are to be congratulated for their hard work, kind ways and respectful attitudes. It is a pleasure for all of us to be able to work with them daily, helping them to grow and develop as human beings. Children, it is time to take a well-earned rest, knowing that your teachers and parents are very proud of you.

Finally, my gratitude to all the parents who supported our school this year. You have placed your trust in this school to look after your most precious gifts; your children. I look forward to working with you all in the future as we strive for the common goal of helping your children to reach their potential.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. See you on September 1st.

Noreen Duggan

Sixth Class

Best wishes to our wonderful Rang 6 who leave us this year for secondary school. We will greatly miss; Josh Jumbo, David Collins, Michael Twomey, Emma Mc Sweeney, Katie O'Connor, Eleanor Carton, Katelynn Savage and Ciara Philpott. 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!

New Infants

We welcome 17 new Junior Infants to our school community this year; Evan McCarthy, Finn McCarthy, Darren Cronin, Dylan Cronin, Julia Jedrzejewska, Adam Reihill, Isla O'Sullivan, Liam Roberts, Cillian Chambers, Cillian Browne, Jack Condon, Kate Condon, Daithi Tully, Fiadh McAuliffe, Isobella Twomey, Niamh Brennan, and Robyn Lane. The new infants enjoyed their first morning at school on June 15th. They are all wonderful children and we hope that they will be very happy in Scoil Fhursa.

Staff News

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs. Mary Finn, as she begins a new chapter in life; her retirement. Mary has been a fantastic colleague, always helpful and thoughtful. The children absolutely love going to Mrs. Finn's room for their extra support or Maths classes. They are sure to miss her kind and gentle ways.

As a school community, we wish Mary health and happiness in the years ahead and hope that she will be a regular visitor to the staff room for a cuppa. Good luck Mary



Green School

Congratulations to the Green School Committee; Katie O'Connor, Ciara Brennan, Holly O'Sullivan, Fia Larkin, Lil Murphy, Aaron O'Shea, Lauren O'Riordan and Grainne O'Neill, who under the guidance of Mrs. Roche, Green School Co-ordinator, helped the school to achieve our second Green Flag on the theme of Energy.

The flag was presented at a ceremony at the Raddisson Blu Hotel in Cork and is now proudly flying in Scoil Fhursa



School Tours

On June 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th Classes went on their school tour to the Oysterhaven Activity Centre in Kinsale. Here the children enjoyed a wealth of land and water activities including; Jungle Quest and Kayaking. In spite of terrible weather the children had a great day and all arrived home exhausted, muddy and very happy.

On June 23rd, children from Infants to 3rd Class travelled to Mallow GAA Complex for the Let's Go Activity Day. There was an activity to suit everyone and the children experienced karting, rock climbing and the Zorb Ball amongst other activities. A great school tour was had by all.

Fundraising by Banteer Macra

On Sat. March 4th Banteer Macra held a Variety Concert in Banteer Community Centre. The proceeds from the night were divided among a host of community groups and organisations. Thank you to Banteer Macra for the donation of €500 to our school. Their generosity is much appreciated and the money was used to purchase new school jerseys.

Sacraments

On Thurs. May 4th, the children of 5th and 6th Classes were confirmed by Bishop Wm. Crean in St. Fursey's Church, Banteer. It was a beautiful occasion and the children's maturity and respect was reflected in their participation in the ceremony. Thanks to the children of 4th Class who gave of their talents to sing in the choir on the day.

On Sat. May 20th, 1st and 2nd Classes 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, Marie 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 Football Competitions. Everyone played their hearts out! Well done to the Boy's Football team; Michael Twomey, David Collins, Josh Jumbo, Alan O'Sullivan, Patrick Sexton, Shane Keller, Ethan Walsh, Connor Lyons, Eoin Collins, Gearoid Tully, Aaron O'Shea and Taylon O'Sullivan, who were narrowly defeated by Kilcorney in the 7-a-side Football Final. Better luck next year boys and girls. Your school is proud of you.

Safety Day

On April 25th, children from 3rd to 6th class attended a safety day at Tir na Si Farm in Watergrasshill, organised by Cork County Council Safety Officer, Caroline Casey. Here the children attended a workshop on road, water and farm safety. Afterwards the children were treated to a tour of the farm and had great fun in the playground.

All-Ireland School's Badminton

Congratulations to our boys and girls badminton teams who attended the All-Ireland in Dublin. The boy's team of David Collins, Josh Jumbo, Michael Twomey and Ryan O'Dwyer qualified for a semi-final position, whilst the girl's team of Eleanor Carton, Emma McSweeney, Lil Murphy, Holly O'Sullivan, Anastasia Jumbo and Sofija Obrezane, were narrowly beaten in the Final. Well done children for representing your school and your talents so well.

Other News: An end-of-year celebration was held today with a Bouncy Castle, Sports and Ice-cream Van. The children were delighted and this treat was well-deserved for their year's work.