



## A Message from the Principal

December 2020

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of a difficult year, I am thankful that as a school community we face a healthy Christmas break that can be spent with our nearest and dearest. This year has brought closures, restrictions and high levels of stress and anxiety globally, however, your children have faced and dealt with these obstacles with courage and resilience. If ever there was a year that they deserved an extra special treat from Santa, then this is it!

I am grateful for a wonderful and hard-working staff here at Scoil Fhursa and a supportive Board of Management and Parent body. Together we have worked to ensure that our school remains as safe as possible for all families.

Even though Christmas will be a little different this year, it remains an opportunity to strengthen family bonds and to focus on the important things in our lives.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break and every good wish for a return to normality with a happy and healthy 2021.

*Noreen Duggan*

## School Website

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

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

*'Tis the season  
to be jolly'*



## Junior Infants

This year we welcomed 12 new Junior Infants to our school.

We hope that Cade, Dylan, Johnny, Ronan, Annabel, Harry, Danny, Charlie, Kieran, Kyle, Saoirse and David will be very happy here at Scoil Fhursa.



## Farm Safety Awareness Day

On November 26<sup>th</sup> all children participated in an online Farm Safety Awareness course in association with IRD Duhallow. The interactive course was presented by Alma Jordan from Agrikids.ie. through zoom. The children enjoyed this interactive course and were able to engage with Alma and ask her questions about farm safety. They learned lots of interesting facts and important signs and symbols that they might see around the farm. They listened to stories about the farm and completed Farm Safety Awareness posters for class display afterwards. An enjoyable day was had by all while also highlighting the importance of being vigilant when visiting a farm.





## Credit Union Art Competition

Well done to all our pupils who submitted their fantastic art work to the annual Credit Union Art Competition. The theme of this year's competition was **Imagine More**. Huge Congratulations to Clara Chambers (4th Class) and Sara Connolly (6th Class) who were prize winners this year. Congratulations girls! We are proud of you.



## Science Week

This year for Science Week the classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class conducted experiments in their pods and displayed them to their classes in the hall. Experiments such as 'making elephant toothpaste', 'tornados in a jar', 'a flying hovercraft', 'jellyfish in a jar', 'creating quicksand', 'blowing up a balloon with yeast' and 'lava lamps' were some show-stopping experiments that the children prepared for us. These entailed, gathering materials and equipment, making predictions, drawing results and writing conclusions. The children also designed creative and detailed posters to show the work they had completed during the experiments.

## Parent's Association Fundraisers

Thank you parents for your generous support for our Christmas Card and Toy Show Bag Fundraisers. In total €1,373.50 was raised. A special word of thanks to Vikki O'Reilly, Chairperson of the Parent Association for her hard work and support. Thank you also to our staff members who worked very hard to ensure the success of the fundraisers. We wish to thank our kind and generous local sponsors and ask you to support their businesses going forward.



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*"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, soon the bells will start, and the thing that'll make them ring is the carol that you sing right within your heart"*