
Scoil Náisiúnta Lios Fearnáin

April News Letter



Presentation of new Jersey's by members of Tipperary Co-Op to pupils of Lisvernane N.S.



Ted and Heather visit Lisvernane N.S. from Dogs Trust Ireland.

Dear Parents,

Summer season is here and I hope this newsletter finds you well. Our P.A.T. (Partnership Action Team) have been very busy organising a variety of events in Lisvernane N.S. Our goal/objective for this year was to work on 2 academic areas and one behavioural area. To date we have introduced more conversational Irish to 5th and 6th class for one hour sessions each Tuesday. There has been great improvement in spoken Irish as noted by all teachers. The P.A.T also organised an orienteering Day on April 11th for the children from 1st – 6th Class. Children had great fun on the trail through the woods. Special thanks to Mike Moroney for coming to the school to give the children an overview and presentation on Mapping / Orienteering skills, and for leading the trail on the day. I also sincerely thank the P.A.T team who helped plan and organise this day. If you are interested in becoming a member of the P.A.T team or in working in partnership with our school please contact any member of the team at your convenience. I want you to know that one of the most important goals this year is to open the lines of communication more between home and school. Furthermore we hope to carry out a survey of Parents during the coming weeks about your view on re-establishing a Parents Association in Lisvernane N.S. Your input, opinion and feedback will be very much appreciated. As previously mentioned our school website is active and constantly updated: please take time to browse through same. Many important dates/events and photographs are on display for your convenience.

Here is a brief summary of events that have taken place since our last newsletter in February –

- ❖ 5th February: We received our new set of jerseys thanks to Tipperary Co-op for their sponsorship. The official presentation took place on 07th March. The jerseys were designed by the pupils themselves (see cover picture).
- ❖ 09th February: Ann-Marie O'Mahony gave a talk to all pupils on Healthy Eating and hidden sugars found in so many foods.
- ❖ 18th February: Enrolment mass for First Holy Communion Class.
- ❖ 19th February: "Playground Manners" sign was erected on front of the school.
- ❖ 22nd February : Pupils from 4th Class attended School Musical in John the Baptist School Hospital.
- ❖ 7th March: - Our girls soccer team took part in a blitz in Cahir. Great talent and skill was shown by all.
- ❖ Our School Debating team competed against Nicker N.S and were victorious. Congratulations.
- ❖ New goal posts erected by Mr Sexton and 5th and 6th class group.

- ❖ 20th March: Yoga completed after 4 week session for pupils in Jnr infants – 2nd Class.
- ❖ 21st March: First Confessions for 2nd Class pupils.
- ❖ U11 Hurling Blitz in the Abbey CBS, great day was had by all and Lisvernane N.S pupils were highly complemented on their attitude and behaviour by the staff of C.B.S Tipperary. Well Done.
- ❖ FAI Boys soccer blitz in Cahir. We entered 2 teams consisting of pupils from 4th -6th Class
- ❖ Lego Competition – winners were “**Empire State Building**” 1st and 2nd Class – Darragh Hogan and Michael O’Mahony “**Hollywood**” 3rd and 4th class - Ava Frewen, Caoilinn Grogan, Caoimhe Sexton, Paddy Russell and Donacha O’Shea. “**Christ the Redeemer**” 5th and 6th Class – Conor Grogan, Paul Cunningham, Martin Coughlan and Partick Brennan.
- ❖ Crazy Hair day raised €310 for cancer support centre in Tipperary. Cheque presented to “Circle of Friends”.
- ❖ We entered 3 quiz teams in Mount Bruis table Quiz and one of our teams came joint first. Unfortunately they lost out on the tiebreaker. Team were as follows – John Bradbury. Conor Grogan, Aoife O’Shea and Michael Russell.
- ❖ Our U13 Hurling team reached a county semi final captained by Kevin Stanley – Date of semi final has yet to be advised.
- ❖ Lisvernane NS has been successful in our application for “Artist in the Primary School Scheme” we have commenced “Brush Dancing / Sean Nós” on 24th April. This will complement work already undertaken in our application for renewing our 2nd Active School Flag.
- ❖ Quiz team finished in 3rd place in Ballylanders Macra Na Feirme table quiz. Team were Chloe Sheehan, Nancy Maher, Caitlin Compton, Leah Sheehan and Caitlin Cunningham. Well done to all involved.
- ❖ 20th April - We hosted an open day for parents of new pupils commencing school in Lisvernane N.S in September 2018.
- ❖ 20th April – All pupils took part in a family Art Competition in preparation for the Pope’s visit to Ireland in August 2018.

❖ 21st April - A representative from Dog Trust Ireland came to visit and brought Ted the dog to meet all the pupils. Heather spoke to pupils about taking correct care of animals and pets and looking after their welfare.

❖ **The swimming term has commenced this week.** This year due to large numbers we had no option only to divide our numbers into two groups. Pupils in 1st 2nd 3rd and half of 4th commenced on Wednesday 25th April for 4 weeks and remaining pupils in 4th 5th and 6th class will commence 30th May for 4 weeks.

Cost of the Swimming Term is as follows

€30 per pupil.

€60 2 pupils

€90 3 pupils

❖ **School Tours**

Junior Tour will take place on 1st June. This year Juniors, Seniors, First and Second class pupils will visit the Apple Farm in Clonmel and then on to Planet Playground.

Senior Tour will take place on 21 May, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth will go to Ballyhass Lakes in mallow.

More details will follow in the coming weeks.

*******Upcoming School Closures*******

Mid-Term Break – School will close for one week, May 7th - May 11th inclusive.

Referendum - School will close Friday 25th May to facilitate the upcoming Referendum.

Bank Holiday - School will close Monday 04th June.

Summer Holidays - School will close 12.30pm Wednesday 27th June 2018.

As you can see life is busy in Lisvernane N.S.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Mullins on completing her Degree and Teaching Diploma in Education. Claire has contributed greatly to life in our school since she arrived last September and has endeared herself to all.

Finally I want to offer our sincere sympathy to all families of Lisvernane N.S who have suffered a recent bereavement. May your loved ones rest in peace.

Updated newsletter and Events Calendar are also available on school website
www.lisvernans.ie

I thank you for your continued support and I wish you well.

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