



LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

October 2024



Welcome Note

As we approach the Halloween break here in Lisnagry NS the children are getting very excited about the prospect of dress-up day and our annual cake sale! Each class has settled in very well and as always, the school is very busy with lots of different initiatives and activities running in all classes.

School Highlights

Maths Week All the classes in the school celebrated Maths Week from 14th – 18th October 2024. The whole school was a hive of activity with all classes participating in fun, engaging, interactive and collaborative group maths activities. Well done and congratulations to all our pupils for your successful involvement and participation in Maths Week 2024. Maith Sibh.

Cumann na mBunscoil Football Finals A huge congrats to our girls and boys football teams who won their East Limerick finals today. We are very proud of both teams who represented the school so well and will now go on to compete in the county series after Midterm. Thanks to their coaches and parents for all their support.

Starting the School Year off on the Right Track! Since returning to school, pupils have taken great advantage of our new 300m walking/running track which is located on the perimeter of our playing field. It really is developing the physical fitness of all the children in the school by enabling them to walk, jog and run in all-weather conditions. It is having a positive impact across the school. There is no doubt that concentration in class and wellbeing have also improved as a result. The children are more focused, alert and engaged in learning straight after doing their exercise. The track provides another opportunity for pupils to be active throughout the school day outside of P.E.

lessons, including before school, during break times or as part of whole class movement breaks. Developing our own track is a great initiative and has been a long-held ambition for the school and Board of Management who are constantly improving and upgrading our school facilities.

School Development

Outdoor Sensory Space Another initiative we would love to see come to fruition this year is an outdoor classroom/ sensory space which will benefit all our pupils and school community. An area has been cleared adjacent to our running track to allow for this exciting development. We have an initial plan designed for this sensory space. All our school fundraising efforts this year will contribute to this latest project. We would really appreciate your help with this. If anyone could donate their time/ expertise or perhaps to sponsor or part sponsor the cost of some feature in the outdoor space, please contact the school. Also there may be local companies or potential corporate sponsors you know of who would like to be a part of this worthy initiative.

New Bí Cineálta/Anti-Bullying Policy


Following the publication of Bí Cineálta, the new procedures to prevent and address bullying behaviour we will be working with the whole school community this school year to develop a new Bí Cineálta policy. The annual review of our current anti-bullying policy was completed by the BOM at its last meeting. It is available to view on our website.

Cúinne na Gaeilge

A chairde, (Dear Friends) Beatha is sláinte chugaibh! (Good health to you all) Fáilte go Cúinne na Gaeilge. (Welcome to the Gaeilge corner) Bhí cúpla seachtain gnóthach againn. (We had a busy few weeks) Bhunaíomar ár gcoiste. (We founded our committee) Tá páistí ó gach rang ar an gcoiste. (There are children from every class on the committee) Faoi láthair, táimid ag obair ar Zón na Gaeilge a mhaisiú le póstaer agus frásaí na seachtaine a chur chun cinn sna ranganna. (We are working on decorating our Gaeilge zone with posters and promoting the frásaí na seachtaine in the classes)

Seo cúpla frása deas daoibh don bhriseadh. (Here's some nice phrases for you all for the break)

- Beannachtaí na Féile daoibh – Enjoy the season's celebrations.
- Tá mé ag dul amach ag bob nó bia – I am going out trick or treating.
- Is breá liom Oíche Shamhna - I love Halloween.
- Go dtí an chéad nuachtlitir eile, slán go fóill! (Until the next newsletter bye)



Child Protection Our BOM has completed the annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement and it is available to view on our website or in the school office. Ms. Eimear Carroll is our Designated Liaison Person for Child Protection in our school. Please note that all staff members are mandated child protection officers.

Wellness Improvement Plan We are in year 2 of our School Wellbeing Improvement Plan. While we continue to focus on the physical wellbeing of our pupils, our main focus this year is creating a positive mindset. Our Wellbeing Committee will deliver monthly initiatives to the school where we will focus on having a healthy mind and body. We will provide opportunities for pupils to lead, mentor and build relationships and connections across classes. This term during Maths Week we had a buddy system where the older classes partnered up with the younger classes to learn maths together. We are also linking in with the Coiste Committee and helping to achieve our Gaelbratach. We created a Grateful Tree 'Ár gCrann Buíochais' where the students wrote or drew on a leaf all the things they are grateful for. Our tree is on display as part of our Wellbeing Notice Board.

Digital Learning Plan As part of our plan, pupils in all classes will create digital content and engage in coding and computational thinking activities appropriate to their age group. We have purchased a new school set of ipads this year and a class set of Lego Essential. These kits are fantastic and are founded on play-based learning principles, aiming to link abstract concepts to real-life experiences. Teachers have engaged with CPD in coding using these kits also. Our pupils have great fun using them and they work like engineers exploring real-world problems learning to design, code and create solutions. They learn STEAM concepts more quickly and at a deeper level.

Notices

Drop-Off and Collection We are appealing to parents to take great care when dropping off and collecting their children. Parking at any school is a difficult exercise, especially on wet days. Safety is always our number one concern and with this in mind we ask for your patience and courtesy to ensure everything runs smoothly. On any day within ten minutes 95% of the children have been collected. We are privileged to have a stop and drop facility and pedestrian crossing. For it to be successful your co-operation is earnestly requested. Please help us to make arrival and home time a safe time!

School Tracksuit Please, please make sure your child's tracksuit has his/her name clearly labelled. Clothing with logos, branding, club gear, hoodies or GAA shorts are not permitted.

Parent Contribution I would like to thank the parents who have paid the requested €60 school contribution which goes towards photocopying, art and craft, ICT licenses and insurance. I would just like to remind those of you who have yet to do so. Should you have difficulty meeting this payment, please do not hesitate to contact me in the strictest of confidence. Your child is insured for personal accident twenty four hours from the 1/09/2024 to the 31/08/2025. Please keep expense receipts in event of accidents. Claim forms are available from the school.



Upcoming Events

Parents' Association Thanks to everyone who attended the recent AGM. It's always great to see new parents getting involved. Please support our Halloween Bake sale this coming Friday 25th. Donations can be dropped in that morning. We also hope to have a Christmas Fair in the school on 1st December. Save the date.

Witches Walk 2024 Calling all superheroes, ghosts, witches, monsters and scary characters! To celebrate Halloween, the whole school will head off on a Halloween fancy dress walk around the loop starting at 9.10am this Friday 25th (weather permitting) All parents welcome to join.

Parent Teacher Meetings Our annual PT meetings are scheduled for mid to late November after school. Dates and details to follow.

Ficheall Chess Tournament Our 6th class pupils will take part in the Féile Ficheall Chess Tournament after Christmas.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Please return shoeboxes to the school before November

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Our 5th class pupils will take part in the JEP programme this year. This is a practical, integrated and project-based programme that merges many areas of the school curriculum. This programme really brings out the creative side and encourages critical thinking in the children.

Enrolment If you have a child starting school in September 2025, please notify the school. Our Admissions Notice has been published. We are open for enrolment for 2025/26 since October 1st 2024. If you love this school and you would like to continue to see it thrive please pass on this information to someone who is going to be choosing a school for their child in the near future. You are the best advocate for the school with first-hand experience.

Halloween Holidays

We look forward to a safe and restful Halloween break. We will re-open on Monday 4th Nov.

HAPPY
Halloween

