



LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas 2024



Welcome Note

Nollaig Shona daoibh go léir. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas I would like to wish you and your families a very happy, holy, healthy and restful Christmas and every good wish for the new year. 2024 was again, a wonderful year for the Lisnagry N.S. community with many memorable moments, achievements and memories created.

School Highlights

Christmas Fair Our recent Christmas Fair was a huge success again. Thank you to our amazing pupils, Parents Association, volunteers and staff who put in a tremendous amount of work. The stalls were bursting with lots of lovely arts and crafts including Christmas wreaths, decorations, Christmas jumpers, cakes and treat stalls. The children enjoyed the face painting and visits to Santa's grotto. Thank you to all our sponsors and parents who donated prizes to our Christmas raffle and congratulations to all our winners. All the money raised will go back into the school and help create a new outdoor sensory space.

County Mini Sevens and Celtic Image Shield Finalists A huge well done to both our boys and girls' footballers who represented the school so well at the County Football Finals last month. Our girls' team did us extremely proud, making both the Celtic Image Shield Final and the County Mini Sevens Final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as they narrowly missed out in both. The girls have put in fantastic effort all year and everyone on the panel really enjoyed the training and the matches. The future is bright for these stars!

Hope Shoebox and Novas Christmas Appeal The Christmas spirit of giving and sharing is truly alive in Lisnagry N.S. and the generosity and willingness to think of those less fortunate has been heartwarming. This year our pupils and their families have supported the Hope

Foundation Shoebox Appeal and the Novas Christmas Appeal.

Science Week Students explored their curiosities while predicting, investigating collaborating and experimenting during Science Week 2024 in November. We experimented with egg drops, coding, zip lines, marble runs, blubber gloves, catapults and so much more this year. The children enjoyed the scienceteaser each day and showcasing some experiments with their buddy classes. We have some amazing future scientists here in Lisnagry.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Choral Afternoon The children will sing carols on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December. To accommodate everyone we would ask families with surname A – L to come on Wednesday and families with surname M – Z to come on Thursday.

Santa Dash We will have our Santa Dash this Friday morning, weather permitting. All classes will walk the loop starting at 9:10 am. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats. Everybody is welcome.

Peace Proms Our Peace Proms choir will perform in U.L on Saturday 8th February. This is always a great experience for the pupils.

Grandparents' Day As part of Catholic Schools week celebrations, we are having Grandparents Day on Friday 7th February. This is to show appreciation for the contribution they make to their grandchildren's lives. The grandparents of Junior and Senior infants are invited in for a cup of tea and a chat on Friday 7th February at 12.30pm.

Book Fair We will have a Book Fair in school from 30th April. We appreciate your support as the school receives a percentage in total sales back in books for our school library.

Chess Our 6th class pupils will take part in the Féile Fichille Chess Tournament on Tuesday 11th March.

Science Blast Our 4th class pupils will display a class project at the ESB Science Blast in U.L. on the week of 21st May.

Swimming Our 3rd Class pupils will commence swimming lessons in U.L. starting on Monday 6th January. 4th class will also get the opportunity in Term 2.

Primary School Robotics Competition Our 5th class pupils will take part in the Analog Devices Robotics competition. A workshop will be held in Term 2 and a team will be selected to participate in the final.

Notices

No smartphone voluntary code The results of our parents poll show that our parent group in Lisnagry N.S. are overwhelmingly in favour of supporting this concept. We are hopeful to have the support of Castleconnell and Ahane N.S. as well as some local sports clubs involved also. We will be in touch after Christmas with more information about launching the code.

SPHE Stay Safe As per our school policy, the Stay Safe programme will be taught in every classroom during Term 2. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participating in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.

New Bí Cineálta The BOM has adopted the new Bí Cineálta anti-bullying guidelines and a new policy will be drawn up after Christmas. We will consult with all stakeholders to ensure we have an effective policy and that we continue to have a safe, respectful and kind environment in Lisnagry N.S. A pupil friendly version of the policy will also be drawn up with the aim of resonating with pupils and reflecting their perspectives.

School Marathon Relay We are planning this fundraising event for Term 3 2025. Our pupils will run the distance of a marathon, 42,195 metres, in a relay format on our track. This unique event will involve all our pupils in the school combining their efforts to complete the full distance. More details in the new year.

Enrolment If you have a child starting school in September 2025, please notify the school asap.



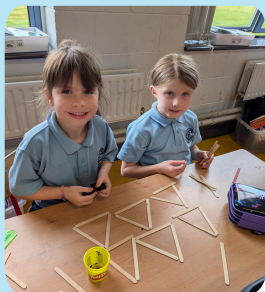
Cúinne na Gaeilge

A Chairde,
Beatha is sláinte chugaibh, Nollaig shona agus beannachtaí na féile oraibh ar fad. Friends, good health to you all, Merry Christmas and seasons greetings. Bhí dhá mhí ghnóthacha ag Coiste na Gaeilge. Coiste na Gaeilge had two busy months. Scaipeamar fráasaí na seachtaine agus nuacht an choiste ar na ranganna gach seachtain. We dispersed the phrases of the week and the news of the choiste to the classes every week. Chruthaíomar maisiúcháin le haghaidh Aonach na Nollag agus dhíolamar na maisiúcháin ag an ócáid. We created decorations for the Christmas Fair and we sold them at the occasion. Bhí siad díolta amach againn. They were sold out. Tá súil againn go mbeidh briseadh álainn agaibh ar fad. We hope you all have a lovely break.

Seo cúpla frása deas as Gaeilge d'aimsir na Nollag. Here's some phrases as Gaeilge for Christmas.

- Bhí an dinnéar go hálainn. Táim lán go béal anois. The dinner was lovely, I'm full to the brim now.
- Beannachtaí an tSéasúir oraibh. Seasons greetings to you.
- Is aoibhinn liom mo bhronntanas, go raibh míle maith agat. I love my present, thank you so much.

Sin a bhfuil go fóill, go dtí an chéad nuacht litir eile. Slán go fóill. That's it for now, until the next newsletter. Bye.



Christmas Holidays

The school will close at 12pm this Friday 20th December. We will reopen on Monday 6th January. I would like to thank you all most sincerely for your co-operation and support in 2024. Huge parental and staff support were evident at all levels and I am deeply grateful to you all. It has been wonderful to work with such fantastic, happy, eager, energetic and engaged pupils; such a talented, dedicated, hardworking and motivated staff; and positive, supportive and enthusiastic parents. I look forward to working with you all again in 2025 as we continue to make Lisnagry N.S. a school community that we all love and enjoy. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to all in the school community who have been bereaved in the past year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha dílis. I hope that you all have a beautiful Christmas and that Santa leaves you something nice! Nollaig Shona faoi sheán is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir agus guím gach rath oraibh don Athbhliain!
MICHAEL FEENEY

