

# Scoil an Linbh Íosa News (Sept 2010)

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year. A special welcome to all those who are joining us for the first time. As well as our Junior Infants, we also have new pupils in other classes. Moving to a new school can be challenging and at the moment our school might feel very big but, don't worry, before long we will all know each other.

We are very pleased that our Junior Infants are settling in so well. Some are already walking in with their older siblings while others are even walking in on their own. Well done to both children and adults. I know it's not easy to let them go but be assured that we take good care of them and, if you have any concerns, please come and talk to us. We want the transition to be as smooth as possible and it is in everyone's interest, especially your child's, that their first experience in school is a positive one.

As always, we are promoting our Green Schools ethos. We appreciate your support with our walking to school initiative, our healthy eating policy and we ask that you keep the packaging on school lunches to a minimum.

Attendance at school is crucial. If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know. You can use the slip at the back of the journal or write a note for the infants. We would ask that you only take your child out of school early when it is absolutely essential.

This year will no doubt bring its own challenges. We hope that whatever it brings we will respond in a positive and caring manner. We look forward to the year ahead with confidence and pray that we will all work together to do our very best for all the children in our care.

Mary Kavanagh.

### **Election of parent's male rep. to the Board of Management.**

The election of the parent's male rep. will take place at the AGM of the PTA on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of September. (This position is vacant as Gerard Colleran has now assumed the role of chairperson.)

Nominations will be taken on the night of the AGM. If there is only one nominee, that person will be deemed to be elected. If there is more than one, a secret ballot will be held at the meeting. Every parent in the school has one non transferable vote which can only be cast at the meeting.

We would like to encourage all fathers to give this serious consideration.

To be a member of the Board of Management you do not need to have any specialist skills- if you have, that would be a bonus. Simply, can you answer the following questions in relation to yourself or someone you would consider nominating.

Are you interested in the development of the school? Are you a reasonable person? Do you have common sense? If you were on the board would you want to do what is in the best interest of **all** the pupils? Are you generous with your time? (Meetings are usually held once a month). Would other parents trust you. It's that simple.

***The BOM carries out the functions conferred on it by the Education Act 1998 and in accordance with the rules for national schools and policies determined by the Minister for Education.***

**Reminder the sundries bill is now due. Thank you to all those who have settled their account. We are still awaiting some payments. Please contact the office if you have difficulties with this.**

## AGM of the PTA

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
8:30pm in the library.**

(Refreshments will be served in the staffroom at 8pm.)

We hope to see as many parents as possible on the night. This is an ideal opportunity to meet other parents and to become involved in the school.

The new committee will be formed at the AGM and meetings are then held on the first Wednesday of every month. Even if you do not have the time to go on the committee at present, maybe you would consider giving your name as a helper for events such as the cake sales/ communion party etc...

The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for their support throughout the year.

## Book Savings Club

The P.T.A run many services throughout the year, one of which is the Book Savings Club.

We find this to be very beneficial to parents as there tends to be many expenses at the end of the school year (books, sundries, uniform etc.)

On the first Friday of every month, we will collect your contribution at the main entrance of the school and issue receipts. The money is then recorded and lodged into the Credit Union. At the end of the school year all money saved is given back to all those who participated in the scheme.

We would like to welcome all our new parents to the scheme and look forward to seeing all our dedicated savers.

**The first collection will be on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.**

## Sacramental Classes

Parents of children receiving the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation are invited to attend a meeting in the school library on

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

**7:30pm** Communion Meeting

**8:30pm** Confirmation Meeting

Maeve Mahon, the diocesan advisor, will facilitate this meeting.

## School Lunches

Our initiative to clean up the school yard has been a huge success. Well done to all the pupils who are following the new rules.

Reminder: The children are asked to remove the wrappers from their lunch **before** they go out to yard.

Alternatively, lunches can be brought out in lunchboxes. This particularly applies to popcorn which can only be brought to the yard in a lunch box.

## Fancy a spot of gardening?

We are one of the few schools in the locality lucky enough to have a school garden.

Unfortunately, the warm summer months has seen an explosion of weeds in all of the beds. As there are also a lot of good plants in amongst the weeds it would be too difficult to get a class to do the much needed tidy up.

At the last PTA meeting it was agreed that parents would help get the garden in order so that the children can begin the job of planting veg./ flowers/ plants.

**If you are free next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> any time between 9:30am and 12:30pm it would be great. (Just think of the workout and the fresh air!)**

You will need to bring your own garden gloves/forks etc...

*Note: If it is raining on the day, the clean up will be on the next dry morning.*

## Swimming

(each group will attend 6 swimming sessions)

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 23<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup>                      2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup>                                      J.Molloy/ C. Shanley

Oct 21<sup>st</sup>    2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Nov 4<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>                      L. Corrigan/ J Conlon  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dec 9<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup>    1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>                              A.Swords / P.Kiely  
Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>    1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup>  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup>                      M. Kavanagh/ K Casey

April 7<sup>th</sup>    4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>  
May 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup>                      L. Scanlon  
June 2<sup>nd</sup>

(The pupils from 5<sup>th</sup> will attend 3 sessions. The dates for 5<sup>th</sup> will be finalized later in the year.)