



Easter 2018

Beannachtaí na Cásca



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we come to the end of the second term we look back on the past few months with mixed emotions. For us in Scoil an Linbh Íosa 2018 began with the tragic news of the critical illness and death of our dear colleague and friend, Kathy Casey. In our heartbreak and loss we found comfort in the support and understanding of you the parents and the greater community of Prosperous. We will be eternally grateful for your kindness to us in our darkest hour.

We were so happy to welcome Kathy's husband Noel Byrne to the school in February. Noel presented medals to the Girls' Basketball Team for their poignant victory in the Basketball League. It was an honour to have such a brave person with us that day.

It was also wonderful to welcome the grandparents who turned up in huge numbers to mark St Brigid's Day with us. The love and joy that the grandparents and grandchildren brought to each other was clear to see. This was a beautiful celebration of *family*.

We wish to thank the Retreat Team in Focolare for helping our children in Sixth class create very special memories of the time they spent together in preparation for their Confirmation in April. The 'You Shall Be My Witness' Programme has also contributed greatly to that preparation and we thank the volunteers who have led the sessions.

The Second Class children made their First Confession at the end of February. They are really looking forward to their First Communion in May. We wish them well with their preparations.

On behalf of all the staff in Scoil an Linbh Íosa may I wish you a very Happy Easter. May you enjoy some family time together.

Kindest regards,

Geraldine Hetherton
Principal



YELLOW DAY

The children are invited to wear **yellow**
on **Friday March 23rd** (the last day of term)
in memory of **Kathy Casey** and her bright, energetic personality.
All monies raised will be donated to **The Irish Cancer Society**.

Suggested donation = €2 per child

Aistear Wishlist

Aistear plays a significant role in the early years in Primary School. It needs to be well resourced. The toys used in Aistear can be very expensive. So we are asking families to have a look at your 'baby toys' to see if you have any items in good condition which could be donated to the school.

A box will be placed in the foyer to gratefully receive your 'old toys'.

- Toy mini-figures (e.g. lego men, plastix figures, miniature police officers, fire officers, nurses, doctors, farmers, children etc.)
- Dress up clothes e.g. fireman, garda, nurse, doctor/dentist, plain shirts (any size), old sunglasses, bags, hats
- Cash register
- Toy animals (e.g. farm animals, jungle animals, insects, polar bears, penguins, pets, birds)
- Animal teddies e.g. dog, cat, monkey, giraffe, cow
- Doctor/dentist play set toys e.g. stethoscope, needle, thermometer
- Christmas themed toys/dress up clothes
- Doctor/vet/dentist/police/garden centre themed toys
- Home corner Toys- food/pots/pans/plates/forks/knives/spoons/tablecloth etc.
- Fake flowers/pots/toy gardening equipment/gardening gloves
- Firestation toys e.g. figures/clothes/firestation building/hose/hat
- Toy vehicles e.g. cars, ambulance, garda car, fire engine, airplane, space rockets, boats
- Toy houses or buildings (e.g. dolls house, farm sets, fire station etc.)

Go raibh maith agaibh.



Thank You to the **PTA** for funding the bus to matches and for some much needed PE equipment. With their help new hula hoops, bean bags and footballs were purchased.

Thanks also the **Richard Walsh** and **Éire Óg Corrachoill** for their help and donation of equipment. They have made the reintroduction of Hurling into our school easy. Finally thanks to **Prosperous United** for their donation of pre-loved jerseys to our school soccer team. The team looked great as they played their best in the Soccer Blitz last Thursday. They did us all proud.



Matches for our **football & hurling teams** will be starting after Easter. Children will be given match details as far in advance as possible.

Information is available on <http://www.cumannambunscolchilldara.com/fixtures>. However dates may vary due to school commitments.



Cross country- Mr Geaney & Ms Harney's athletic teams are competing in the Cumann na mBunscoil cross country competition after Easter in Hawkfield. Best of luck everyone.



Swimming Dates

N. Kelly & E. Gaire 4th & 1st classes 15/3/18 – 03/05/18

L. Harney & J. Molloy 4th & 1st classes 10/05/18 – 14/06/18

School Calendar

Easter Holidays: Monday March 26th to Friday April 6th
School closes at 12 noon on Friday March 23rd

Book Fair : April 12th, 13th, 16th & 17th
Ceremony Of Light: April 19th
Confirmation: April 28th

School closed: May 7th to 11th

First Communion: May 19th
School Closed: Bank Holiday Monday June 4th
End of Year Mass: June 27th
Summer Holidays: June 29th
School closes at 12 noon on Friday June 29th

Scoil an Linbh Íosa will re-open for the 2018-2019 academic year on Thursday August 30th 2018.

