



# Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid

Prosperous  
Co Kildare  
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**January 2018**

*Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Management of Scoil an Linbh Íosa, and on my own behalf, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to you for your support and understanding in recent weeks.

The term opened with the upsetting news that Kathy Casey had cancer, but we hoped that with treatment it would not be too long before Kathy would be back among us. And so it was with utter shock that we received the news of her untimely death on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Your immediate response to our sorrowful plea to keep the children at home or to collect them early on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, is deeply appreciated. This allowed us to mourn the loss of our dear friend and colleague as a staff and to receive the support and advise of NEPS psychological services. We were then in a much better position to receive the children the next day and to work with them in their loss of a beloved teacher. Thank you.

Thank you also for the good wishes, prayers and kind gestures which we continue to feel. The pots of soup, sandwiches and cakes nourished us through the long hours of that fateful Wednesday. Bunches of flowers and poetry books lifted our spirits. But most of all, we, and Kathy's family, were quite overwhelmed by the staggering turn out on Wednesday evening, when the people of Prosperous gathered in the pouring rain to greet Kathy for the last time and bid her farewell, as she took her final journey to her home in Ardagh, Co Limerick. Kathy's husband of a few days, Noel, and her brother and sister, were greatly moved by this wonderful tribute to their darling Kathy. For this I also thank you.

Thanks go to the many people who travelled from Prosperous to Ardagh for the funeral. It was poignant to see students, parents, the PTA and the Board of Management, gather to pay their respects to Kathy and her family. I know they were very touched to see the esteem in which Kathy was held. We hope this will be some comfort to them in the lonely times ahead. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir as ucht bhur tacaíocht.

Kathy was a wonderful teacher who touched so many aspects of school life and shared so generously of her numerous talents. She was equally comfortable teaching phonics to Infants and irregular Irish verbs to 4<sup>th</sup> class. She could sing and dance and put on a musical. She could compere the Christmas concert and film the puppet show. She could bake red-nosed reindeer cup cakes and rhubarb pie. She could get a hall full of students dancing in time and breaking out in a sweat. She could run the 10km pop up race and keep the chat going all the while. She was a beautiful person – kind and generous, thoughtful and considerate. She was something else – and we miss her terribly. It was an honour to know and work with Kathy. Her love of teaching, zest for life and adventurous spirit are an inspiration to us all.

Bhí grá mór ag Kathy don mhúinteoireacht agus ba mhúinteoir iontach í. Tá súil againn go leanfaidh muidne sa scoil ar aghaidh ag déanamh ár gcuid oibre sa tslí sona, dílis, fuinúil céanna mar a rinne Kathy í féin.

With heartfelt gratitude

*Geraldine Hetherton*

Principal



*Kathy Casey September 2017*



*One of the beautiful tribute pieces created by the children for Ms Casey*

*-Abbie O'Brien 5<sup>th</sup> Class*

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis



**ALL GRANDPARENTS ARE INVITED**

to

Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Prosperous

on

Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>

at 11am

for a Prayer Service to celebrate Grandparents Day,  
a cup of tea and a visit to the classes.



### The Hunt

The Hunt took place on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Over 100 horses rode out this year. They made  
a fine spectacle.

Thank you to those who helped with making  
sandwiches, controlling traffic flow or cleaning  
up after the horses passed through the village.  
And thanks also to those who bought tickets  
for the raffle.

All proceeds go to offset the cost of swimming  
for the children with Autism in our ALC.

*Thank you for your support.*



**Congrats** to the talented Girls' Basketball team, who  
were victorious this week in their Cuman na mBunscol  
Semi Final against Athgarvan.

The final takes place on Wednesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> in Scoil Na  
Naomh Uilig at 11:10 am. Please come and support if  
you can. A fantastic achievement so far - well done  
everyone involved.



**Best of luck** to our Soccer team participating in the FAI  
schools league. The team are playing their first match  
on Wednesday Jan 31<sup>st</sup> against St Joseph's BNS Kilcock.



It is with regret that we have to report on a **very disappointing** event in the school on January 10<sup>th</sup>. The  
PTA had prepared a lovely evening of chat over a cuppa  
and cakes, but unfortunately, **not one** new parent  
accepted their invitation.

The PTA do fantastic work for the school- from being  
Santa's elves to putting on a beautiful spread for the  
First Communion Children, and so much more in  
between. However, this great work is being left to a  
diminishing few. The PTA needs new members if we are  
to continue to offer your children those extras, such as  
guitar and mindfulness, which make Scoil an Linbh Íosa  
such a great school.

**Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the  
month. Please support your PTA.**



**Book Club** members were very lucky to meet the  
author of one of their club books, Debbie Thomas, last  
Wednesday. The children had an interesting discussion  
with her about how she wrote her books and  
developed her ideas. Debbie found the children  
engaged, imaginative and interested. She donated  
three signed copies of her books to our library. A great  
visit all round.



We extend a very warm welcome to Niamh  
Kelly and Sally Nicholas who have joined the  
teaching staff since Christmas. They are  
teaching Fourth and Third Classes respectively.  
We hope that they will be very happy with us  
here in Scoil an Linbh Íosa.



## Calendar Updates

*Grandparents Day:* Thursday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>  
*In-service Day:* Thursday Feb 8<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**  
*Mid-term:* Thursday Feb 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**  
*First Confession:* Tuesday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm  
*Ceremony Of Light:* Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm  
*Call to Witness Programme 6<sup>th</sup> class:* Wed Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, Tues Mar 6<sup>th</sup>,  
 Mon Mar 12<sup>th</sup>, Thurs Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*Swimming dates have changed:* **N. Kelly & E. Gaire** classes 15/3/18 – 03/05/18  
**L. Harney & J. Molloy** classes 10/05/18 – 14/06/18  
*Bank Holiday:* March 19<sup>th</sup> **School Closed**  
*Easter Holidays:* Monday Mar 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
 School closes at **12 noon** on Friday March 23rd

## Term 2 Afterschool Activities

Day	Activity	Location	Time	Class
<b>Monday</b>	*Art	Room 10	3pm – 4:15pm	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
	*Art & Baking	Room 8	3pm – 4:15pm	4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>
	U10, Girls & Snr Boys Football Teams	School grounds – GAA in March	3:15pm – 4:15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Tuesday</b>	*Piano / Keyboard	SEN Room	2pm–3pm 3pm–4pm	Infants Others
	Athletics	Hall	3pm–4pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Choir	Room 15	3pm–4pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>
	*Playball	Hall	2pm–3pm	Jnr & Snr Infants
	*Playball	Hall	3pm–4pm	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Hurling Team	GAA Pitch	3:15pm-4:15pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Thursday</b>	Basketball Team	Hall	3pm–4pm	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>

\*Charges do apply to these activities

**Thank you for all your support and cooperation.**