

Ar scóth a chéile a mhairimid



Scoil an Linbh Íosa

Newsletter June 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the final week of the school year I am filled with mixed emotions. It has been a roller-coaster of a year – a year which has brought the school on one of the toughest journeys in its history. But we got through it *together* – because we are a tightly untied *team*, we look out for each other, we are *family*, the family of Scoil an Linbh Íosa.

We have had visiting writers, puppetry workshops, guitar lessons, mindfulness sessions and drama productions. Great success was had on the playing fields, bringing home the Girls' Basketball cup and the Senior Boys Gaelic Football cup, both taking pride of place in our beautiful new Trophy Cabinet. I am sure it will continue to fill over the coming years. Another highlight of the year was Grandparents Day. It was an absolute delight to see the joy on the children's faces as they welcomed their grandparents into their classes. The hatching of eggs in Ms Lowe's class also put smiles on all our faces.

Some more poignant memories of this year are the Family Fun Run in October where the whole community came out to support us; the Yellow Day when we all remembered our dear friend Kathy Casey and donated €1,500 to the Irish Cancer Society; and of course ending the year with the Hit the Block through which we hope to raise enough funds to erect Basketball Posts on the yard, something Ms Casey long hoped for. We were so honoured to be joined by Kathy's parents, Pat and Daphne, and her husband, Noel, for Hit the Block on Friday. They were very moved by the welcome they received and said they could now see why Prosperous was so important to Kathy. I assured them that Kathy was, and will continue to be, very important to Prosperous and Scoil an Linbh Íosa.

We in Scoil an Linbh Íosa support the parents' challenging work of instilling core values in our children. We promote fairness, respect, positive engagement, safety and honesty, all in an effort to create a nurturing learning environment for every child in our care. Kathy Casey was deeply committed to advancing these values. One of the ways we will continue to remember Kathy and everything she stood for, is through a FRESH Award, which will be given each year to a boy and girl in Third Class. Kathy's parents proudly presented the first FRESH Award to Hazel Gleeson and Jamie Mooney at the end of the Hit the Block. Hazel and Jamie embody all the qualities you the parents, and we the staff, endeavour to foster. Well done Jamie and Hazel – examples for us all.

Thank you for your support and understanding throughout the year, particularly since Christmas, as we struggled with our public and private grief. With your help we got through. I also wish to thank the staff for their utterly professional approach to their work, in offering a caring and productive experience to the children in school this year, despite their heartbreak.

May everyone have a lovely summer. Keep safe. Be happy. Enjoy.

Le gach dhea ghui.

Geraldine Hetherton
Principal

Thank You

Thank you to all the staff who have shared their talents with us during the year.

Together Everyone Achieved More

Here are just a few of the many achievements of our school this year:

- New after school activities and an extended variety
- A very successful Pop up race
- Road safety, Maxi zoo and parenting talks
- Mindfulness and Guitar for our children
- Mini scientist competition
- Active flag ceremony
- Table quizzes
- Christmas concert
- Kindness to the homeless, metal drive, clothes collections
- The Hunt
- Grandparents Day
- World Book Day
- Yellow Day
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- World Down Syndrome Day
- Spanish Visitors
- Cake Sales
- The Sacraments
- The re-vamped website and winning the Scoil net award
- Move It Mornings
- Active Schools Week
- Hit the Block

And of course bringing home the Girls' Basketball and Senior Gaelic Football cups. Not to mention all the Irish, English, maths, history, geographythat the children learned. What a TEAM! Well done one and all. Please visit the website to get a fuller picture of our school www.prosperousns.ie

We say a special thank you to those members of staff who are moving on. Congratulations to Dominic Cogan on his retirement. We thank him for his years of service to the school and wish him every fulfilment in his next adventures.

PTA

A huge part of our success is the support we receive from you the parents, and especially the tireless energy and enthusiasm of the PTA. They help us bring the school and the programmes we offer the children to another level. Thank you. If you would like to get involved the PTA would love to see you at 8pm on the first Wednesday of the month, here in the school.

Lost and Found

There is quite a collection of lost items of clothing in the school. You are welcome to come and see if they belong to your family. All items still unclaimed by *Thursday June 28th* will be recycled.

Special Olympics

Congratulations to Ruarí Fitzpatrick who represented the Eastern Region in the Special Olympics earlier this month. Ruarí brought home a silver medal for the Standing Long Jump and a bronze medal for the 25m sprint. Well done Ruarí.

The Library

The local libraries are a treasure trove of books, readings and other activities. They are well worth a visit or two over the summer. Perhaps some of the children will take part in the Summer Stars Reading Challenge.



Summer Activities

There are lots of camps in the area this summer. There are two camps in the school in July. Other activities include the Cúl Camps, Tennis, Play Ball, Soccer and Golf. Plenty of choice. Lots of alternatives to screentime.

Administration Office

The Admin office will be open next week from 9am to 1.30pm. It will close for the summer on Friday July 6th at 1.30pm and re-open on Monday August 27th at 9am.

The Calendar

School re-opens to welcome the children back to school on Thursday August 30th.

Midterm - Mon 29th Oct- Fri 2nd Nov

Christmas - close at 12 on Fri 21st Dec and school reopens on Mon 7th Jan

Feb Midterm - Mon 18th - Fri 22nd

March - Mon 18th March (St Patrick's)

Easter- close at 12 on Fri 12th April and school reopens Mon 29th April

June – Mon 3rd and Tues 4th June

Further closures may become necessary.

Have a lovely Summer