

Scoil Inse Rátha

Déan do Dhícheall

Newsletter June 2024

Dear Parents,

As we approach the summer holidays we can reflect on another great year in our school. Our staff have worked incredibly hard and provided many wonderful learning opportunities for our students. Our Board of Management have overseen and directed many improvements in our school both with physical improvements and improvements in the learning environment for our students. Our Parents Association have supported our work here in many ways and have provided ideas and inspiration for ways to keep improving our school for our students. Our parents and families have worked with us to help our students achieve their potential. Our local community have been a great help too during the year making our school a better place for our students. Our students are the stars of the show and we are so lucky to have such amazing people to work with every day. There are many pieces to the Little Island NS jigsaw and without any one of these pieces we wouldn't have the whole picture. Thank you for the part you played in our story this year!

School Tours:

Each class went on a school tour over the last month. While they can be expensive these trips provide many learning opportunities including developing independence and resilience. They are also a reward for all the hard work the children have done during the year. We know we are so lucky to have such brilliant and trustworthy children who we can take anywhere.

New Junior Infants:

Our new Junior Infants had their Induction Day this month. We are looking forward to these new additions to our school community starting school at the end of August. This is the start of an exciting new chapter for them and for us!

Board of Management:

Our Board of Management met this month. We reviewed plans for summer maintenance and staff recruitment along with planning for the new school year. Thank you to all the Board members who give so freely and generously of their time to continue to make our school a better place for our students.

Graduation:

Our 6th Class are nearly finished primary school. It has been a privilege to get to know them and especially to have had the chance to teach them. They are a special group, and it has been wonderful to watch them grow into the people they are today during their time in our school. We celebrated their graduation last week. It was lovely to have everyone together to mark this special occasion. Earlier in the month we had visited the Italian Department of UCC to celebrate their achievements in learning Italian during the year. We wish them the best of luck as they head into a future that will bring them many exciting opportunities and experiences. We would also like to thank them for all they have done to help make our school a better place!

Sports Day:

Sports Day is always a highlight of the school calendar. Our whole school community comes together for fun and games. We had a lovely day and everyone had lots of fun. Our PA provided fruit and drinks to keep our athletes going and, as an extra treat, organised for the ice cream van to come to keep everyone cool. Thank you to everyone for making this a special day.

Superstars:

Superstars is another special day. Teams play a variety of games at different stations that involve working together as a team. Teams are made up of children from each class with 6th Class acting as captains. It is fun and active and also encourages teamwork and cooperative skills. Watching the children working so well together, negotiating their differences and having fun fills us with so much pride.

Basketball Fun Day:

Mark Scannell has been coaching each of our classes during the year. We finished off the year with a fun day. 6th class helped as coaches as they have worked with Mark for several years. It was a lovely day and Mark provided some chocolate as a treat for everyone at the end. Thank to Mark for another great year and we look forward to next year and more basketball. Glanmire Basketball Club are running training on Mondays and Wednesdays in GCC outdoor courts. 6pm-7pm for U11's and under. 7pm-8pm for U12's and older. They may take a break for a few weeks during the summer so if you are interested call in soon.

Summer Contact:

The school phone will be monitored up to July 5th and again from August 26th. If you need anything outside of these dates email principal@littleislandns.com. I will monitor emails occasionally during the holidays and will respond as soon as I can except for the last two weeks of July (15-31) when I will be away.

That's all for now. Thank you for all the presents, kind wishes and cards we have all received. Working with your children is a pleasure but it is always lovely to hear nice things!

Have a great summer.

All the best,

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Up Coming Events:

Thursday June 27th: school closes for all children at 12.15pm

Thursday August 29th: school reopens for the new school year.