

May Newsletter 2014-05-21



This is our final term at school and it is a very busy time for everyone.

As I write standardised testing is taking place in all classes from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. The results of these tests will be part of the school report which you will receive in June.

New Junior Infants are coming to school on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> May - to see the school and feel the warm welcome which we hope they will enjoy in the future .

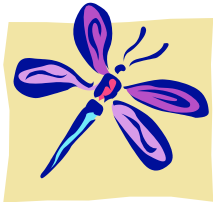
The school calendar for next school year is available on our web site .

Congratulations to all our athletes who participated in Primary Schools Sports in UL.

We are very proud of you and also delighted with the fact that we came home with a cup for the school.



On Thursday last we had a wonderful Science day with a visit from a mobile farm and also a Zoologist from University College Galway .



All children visited the mobile farm and attended the Tropical Insect workshop it was fantastic and the sun shone for the entire day.

Parents please note- the cost of these visits which was €700 was funded by monies raised in our Raffle at Easter. Again thanks to your support and the work of our Parents' Association.

Our visiting Basketball teacher David has returned to Spain and we thank him very much for all the work that he did with the school since October.

5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class visited Tayto Park on Tuesday as part of the 'Dissolving Boundaries' project and a great day was had by all - thank you to Yvonne , Denise and Jim who came as helpers .



3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> are going to Mary Immaculate College of Education on Friday to attend a conference called 'Buzzing with Books' - this is a great opportunity for the children to be part of what is a National event.

3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> will be visiting the Crescent Library on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to attend a workshop on History given by Michael Moylan.

All around me there are plants sprouting in preparation for our Annual Plant Sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June - we are also holding a bric-a-

brac sale on the day so if you have toys- ( not broken) books or ornaments that you no longer need we would be delighted to have them - as usual my office would be drop off point.

A big Thanks to all parents who come in and 'volunteer' to help with reading , with planting , with electrical crises - as a school we really appreciate all help offered and received.

Guitar lessons are going well - the happy band of musicians are enjoying the wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument in a relaxed setting.

Chess club continues to draw great interest on Wednesdays.

The Art and Craft class on Thursday is increasing in numbers and I love to watch the happy faces as they leave with their new creations.



On Friday last we had a visit to all classes from the Road Safety Association who visited all classes and spoke about safety on the road for children and adults.

This is our first newsletter which is going to appear on our new school web site - please look at the website on a regular basis as we will be updating it regularly. ,

There are 7 weeks left in the school term and as usual we remind you of a few domestic issues -

1. Parking in the morning and afternoon -please show the courtesy to others which you would like to receive.
2. We have a Healthy Lunch policy in the school - this means NO sweets , cakes , biscuits fizzy drinks - during school hours except on occasional 'treat days'
3. School begins at 8.30 - children should be here at that time - even ten minutes a day adds up to a shocking 30.5 hours in a school year.