

2018/2019 School Newsletter/ Term 3

Welcome to termly newsletter.
As we our summer holidays here is a recap of term three.

April

- Monday 29th April: the boys and girls from 5th and 6th class played a football match against in Quilty. Luck was on our side!

May

- Wednesday May 1st: Sports Day took place in Kilfenora with schools from Ballyvaughan, Kilfenora and Lisdoonvarna. Great fun was had competing against boys and girls from other schools.
- Thursday May 2nd: The boys from 5th and 6th class participated in a hurling blitz in Corofin.
- Fri 3rd May: We had a visit from our local firemen based in Ennistymon. Joe Joe and Yarek spoke to all the children about fire safety in your home.
- First Holy Communion took place on Sunday May 5th in Ballyvaughan. Congraulations to Oisin Clarke on receiving this sacrament.
- Marine Plastics: we were fortunate to be granted time for these workshops with Carmel Madigan. Carmel worked with the children in the senior room on this very important issue.
- Gymnastics commenced on Thursday May 16th. Both classrooms took part in these lessons with Magda.

- May 23rd: Coole Park. On this day the whole school travelled to Coole Park. Here the children went on a nature walk and learned about the history of Coole Park.
- May 27th: Boys football match took place against Carrigaholt. We were fortunate to beat this time.
- May 28th: The boys {James, Darragh, Eoghan, Daniel} played a hurling match against Connolly in Kilmaley. This was a semi final.
- May 29th: The girls in 6th class travelled to Miltown to play Lahinch and Kilkee/Moyasta. We beat Lahinch but lost the semi final to Kilkee/Moyasta.
- Pottery Class: all children took part in a pottery class with Jackie Maurer on Friday 31st May. Our theme was Plastics in our Oceans. The children created some beautiful pieces.
- May 31st Plastics Module #2
Carmel Madigan returned to work with the senior children on Marine Plastics. This is a fascinating topic for all.
- News came through to say that we had received our 16th Award of Science & Maths Excellence!! A big thanks to Sharon for all her hard work.

June

- Bag packing took place in Super Valu in Ennistymon on Saturday June 1st. A total of €1188.95 was raised. Many thanks to all parents who helped out on the day.

- June 5th Quiz Time: The children in the senior room participated in a quiz on the Burren with Dr Eamon Doyle. Well done to Eoghan,
- County Football Final took place in Kilrush on Thursday 6th June. Children played against Carrigaholt. Victory was on our side!!
- Junior Room School Tour took place on Friday 7th June. The children travelled to Brigid's garden in Galway. Here they explored the woodlands, sought out the fairies, made smelly cocktails and lots more. A very enjoyable was had!
- Áitbheo Scholarship! News came through that we had successfully won a scholarship with Burren Beo. Well done to Emily Howard on her spectacular art picture! This scholarship will commence in the new school year for senior room children and will entail 9 half day sessions learning about the Burren.
- Wednesday 12th June. Children in 5th and 6th class travelled to Cusack Park for the County Hurling Final. Here they fought against a strong opposition from Meelick. After two bouts of extra time, we won by one point!! Well done to all players especially Emily Howard for stepping into goal due to Daniel's absence in short notice and for giving an outstanding performance!
- Friday 14th June, children from first class upwards got the opportunity to play draughts and chess.
- Visit from Minister Pat Breen took place on Monday 17th June. Pat spoke to all the children invited all the senior room children to Dublin to visit the Dáil.

- Seashore Safari took place on Monday 17th June with Carmel Madigan. Great fun was had down by the seashore exploring the rocks and identifying the creatures found in the rockpools.
- Senior Room School Tour took place on Tuesday 18th June in Limerick. Children took part in kayaking, stand up paddling and land activities.
- New Junior Infants - on June 19th and 20th we welcomed the new class of junior infants to our school. We look forward to seeing them all again in September.
- Basketball Lessons, we were fortunate to have Vinny back again to us to show the children the basics of basketball.
- Thursday 20th June we had a medal presentation in our school for our county hurling champions! Many thanks to everything who donated/baked items for this.
- Friday 21st June, we had our BBQ and raising of our new flag! Thanks to Olaf for organising this! Well done to all children on achieving our first 5 Star GAA Flag.
- June 25th - Graduation Mass will be held for Emily, Robyn, Jane and James who will be leaving us this year. We would like to wish them a big "Goodbye & Good Luck" in their future studies!
- June 26th, we will take part in the last item in Something Fishy Programme. We will travel to the Caher River for some investigation and exploration!!

General:

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SPHE Stay Safe Programme

This programme was taught this year. It will be taught again in January 2021. All information can be found on www.staysafe.ie

Ipad Purchase

In line with our new Digital Learning Framework, we have purchased 12 Ipad's for the school. These will be used in conjunction with our Digital Plan. For this purchase, we used our Gingerbread Cookie money, our Mummers money and our ICT grant. Thanks to all involved for helping us propel our school into the modern age of technology! Training will be undertaken by the teachers to maximise the use of these Ipad's to enhance children's learning.

Policy Development

The Board of Management have reviewed/ratified the following:

Data Protection Policy

Note: Our Child Safeguarding statement and Risk Assessment statement are available on our website or in the school.

Website

Don't forget to check out our website www.fanorens.com. All the above outings/events etc. can be viewed on the website under the news section.

Science Inspection:

On May 30th, we had a subject inspection on Science. Our report will be available to view on the Department website or on our own as soon as we get the link. The inspector commended the children on their knowledge and enthusiasm for Science and was very impressed with their range of Science related activities undertaken by the school. Well done to all!!!!

Fundraisers:

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Each year a number of fundraisers are held. The monies raised are used for bus costs & general maintenance over the school year. A copy of the school fundraisers is available on request from the school. Many thanks to our parents for organising and supporting these fundraisers.

Staff

Gardening

Many thanks to Ali Hynes for her work on our school garden. There is lots growing at the moment! We cannot wait until harvest time! We appreciate all the time and effort that Ali puts into the garden!

Ancillary Staff

A big thank you to our ancillary staff: Pat McNamara, Annemarie O'Driscoll and Eilish O'Donoghue who work very hard for the school.

SET

Our SET Suzanne Mc Cabe has retired from full time teaching. We wish Suzanne all the very best in her new adventures and we would like to thank her for all her hard work with the children over the last number of years.

We also take this opportunity to welcome back Sharon Howley who will be Carol's replacement while out on Maternity Leave.

Swimming

Please note we will be commencing our swimming lessons in Sept for 12 weeks due to SeaWorld undergoing refurbishments in January 2020.

Finally, we would like to thank all parents and members of the community for their help and assistance over the course of the school year. Without this assistance many of our outings, activities would not be possible.

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Wishing everyone an enjoyable and happy summer and I look forward to seeing you all again on Friday August 30th.

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Principal

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