

2019/2020 School Newsletter Term 2/3

Welcome to our final newsletter before we commence our summer holidays.

January

- January 23rd- Food Dudes- food dudes is award winning curriculum-linked evidence-based healthy eating programme. It helped the children to develop and encourage the children to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. It is based on repeated tastings of the fruit and vegetables, rewards and positive role models. Each day the children were given different fruits and veg to try.
- January 27th- All children took part in Clare Sports Partnership's 'Active Homework Challenge' where children complete different exercises each night as part of their daily homework. They learnt how to do exercises, stretches and doing some Zumba dances!

February

- We celebrated Catholic schools Week 26th Jan- 2nd Feb
'Living in Harmony with God's Creations'
- February 6th - Sr Breda Coyne visited the school for our annual religion inspection
- February 6th- Harry Potter Quiz- The Senior room attended a quiz based on the Harry Potter series.

- All Shook Up - on 11th February the children went to Lisdoonvarna to see the Transition Years production of All Shook Up. What a fantastic show and it was great to see a past pupil of ours in it!
- February 21st- Gradam Ceoil- Congratulations to Sharon again on her award!!

March

- March 2nd Galway Aquarium
Children in the Senior room travelled to Galway Atlantaquaria for a day of science experiments which included water and air pressure, making a rocket, chemical reactions between acids and bases.
- Engineers Week. Children engaged in a number of activities for Engineer's week. The children in the junior room were challenged to design and make the tallest freestanding structure using different materials.
- March 10th Early Music Workshop. Today all children were treated to a very informative and engaging workshop on Ireland's ancient instruments. They traced instruments from 10,000 years ago to St Patrick's arrival in Ireland. They explored the sounds from the first instruments our ancestors made and how they are related to instruments today.
- Taoiseach announced school would close from Friday 13th March until March 29th due to Covid-19.

April

- Home learning continues, as school remain closed.

May

- We took part in Zoom Classes with the children. The children had great fun! The Juniors did 'Show and Tell' on line. While the Seniors did 'News' orally.

June

- We participated in an online Sports Activity hosted by Healthy Kids.org. Children could log on and enjoy the activities.
- End Of School Farewell for the boys on the 29th June at school. We would like to wish Daniel, Darragh & Eoghan all the very best in their next chapter.
"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so Get on your way!!

General:

Standardised Testing:

Please note standardised testing for children from 1st to 6th class did not take place this year due to Covid-19.

Policy Development

The Board of Management have reviewed the following:

Admissions Policy

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

Staff

Gardening

Many thanks to Ali Hynes for her work on our school garden.

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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.

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.

Booklists and school calendar can also be found on our website should they get misplaced!

Please note our school calendar may be subject to change according to Department of Health and Department of Education and Skills guidelines due to Covid-19

Fundraisers:

No fundraisers were carried out due to Covid-19.

Final Note:

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unsure about what September will look like for our school and our students. We are awaiting a directive from the Department of Education and Skills with guidance on safely re-opening our schools for the new academic year. We will be in contact with you closer to the time to advise of any changes we may have to make to the usual running of the school to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

On the behalf of the board and the staff, I would like to thank each and every family for fully engaging with us over the past few months. It has not been easy. During this time, we have seen children grow and flourish and the standard of work was incredible due to your hard work and dedication. Because of constant engagement in different ways since the lockdown, we are confident that the children are in a good place going forward.

I would also like to thank and wish Ms Howley the very best. We are delighted to welcome Ms Scales back to our team and want to wish Miss Howley every

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success with her music career. Hopefully she will continue to be part of our teaching team also.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable, happy and safe summer.

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Principal

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