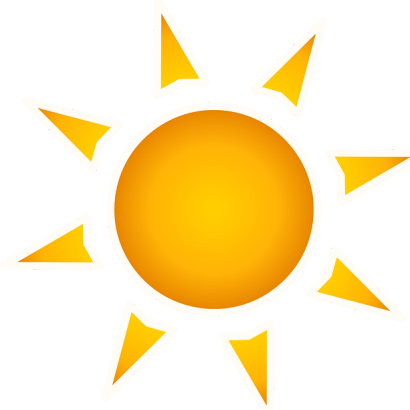


Summer Newsletter



2017

Principal's Note

Thank you to the staff, parents and pupils for your continued support to our school, especially during this last Term which has been very busy. Wishing everyone a great summer.

Board of Management

The Board of Management has continued to have regular meetings throughout the year. The following are the members of the Board of Management: Declan Fenlon (Chairperson), Fr. Pádraig Shelley, Annette Fitzpatrick, Catherine Lawlor, Veronica Fitzpatrick, David Dowling, Gearóid Brennan and Jackie Mooney.

Parents Association

Thanks to the Parents Association for all their work this year. The pupils really enjoyed the Speech and Drama Sessions and the Gymnastics which were funded by the Parents Assoc.

Book Fair

Write A Book

Congratulations to Ruby Conway in First Class, Oisín Fitzpatrick in Third class and Aoife O Shea in 5th class who got a merit for their Write a Books. The children had a lovely evening in The Heritage

Hotel where they received their awards. Well done to the many Highly Commended Winners too.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to 2nd Class who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th May. Thanks to the Staff, choir, servers and parents who provided lovely refreshments afterwards. The children worked hard to prepare and everyone had a lovely day.

JEP Flag

Congratulations to 4th,5th and 6th who had another successful Business this year with their company "Decorative Doorhangers".

On Tuesday 25th April we received a visit from Jenny in Nore Valley Farm and they left us an incubator and six eggs. She explained how to work the incubator to keep it at the the right temp and the correct humidity. We monitored the eggs for 21 days and they were due to hatch on a Tuesday. From Friday on we were really excited to see the eggs wobbling and moving around. It was so wonderful. On Monday a tiny crack appeared in one egg and we watched all day but nothing happened. One little chick didn't hatch until late that night about 9 o'clock. Ms Lawlor moved it into the chick run under the heat pad. The next morning we couldn't wait for the bell to ring-the door was open and the incubator full. 4 chicks had hatched out during the night. Three were quite

strong and one was very weak. We left them there till mid morning and then moved them to the heat pad. At this stage our first chicken was really strong-eating drinking and during the day our 5th egg began to crack more. Infants to 2nd class witnessed the wonderful moment when the little chick burst out of the egg after a lot of hard work pecking it open. It was truly amazing and the small children were fascinated. He was just dry enough to move to the heat pad before school finished. We got sad news on Monday morning as the poor chick didn't survive. He was the little weak one from the first batch that hatched out. As Jenny had told us this could happen, just as it happens in all nature- survival of the fittest. All the others were really active, eating, drinking and playing hide and go seek. There was one black chick and we called him 'Batman'. That day we made a run in the hall and every class came up to play with them and hold and rub them. Memories were made as Batman pooped on Luke twice!!



Drumming

Thanks to Eddie for the Drumming Sessions again this year. Being involved with the Music Generation Programme is of great benefit to the Pupils.

Junior Infants-2nd Class School Tour

Junior Infants, Senior Infants, First and Second Class all travelled to Nore Valley Farm in Bennettsbridge. It was a glorious sunny day. Ciara our guide brought us around the pet farm and we saw lots of interesting animals. We reunited with our Arles baby chicks. We met an ostrich, baby piglets and fawns. We got to hold baby rabbits and feed Jenny the donkey. We jumped in the straw and played in the playground. It was fantastic! After a delicious picnic we headed off to K Bowling for some more fun. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely at the bowling alley. Then it was time for home. There were many happy faces on the bus home that afternoon and everyone agreed it had been a super day!

3rd-6th Class School Tour

On Thursday 22nd June 3rd to 6th went on their school tour to Wexford.

Rounders

Congratulations to the three teams who qualified for the Quarter Finals this year. Well done!

Graduation Mass

On Thursday 29th June the Graduation Mass was held in the GP Room for the 15 6th class pupils who are leaving. Thanks to Fr. Pádraig for saying the mass and to the parents who helped out with the refreshments. We wish the 6th class the best of luck as they move to Secondary school.

New Junior Infants

On Wednesday 28th June the New Junior Infants visited the school for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We look forward to them starting school in September.

Football

Thanks to the volunteers who did football with 2nd to 6th this term.

Swimming, PAWS

Over the past few weeks the Junior Room have been learning all about Water Safety. We have discussed staying safe near water in the home, on the farm, near lakes and rivers, at the pool and at the beach. We were delighted to have Deirdre Wall come and talk to us about Water Safety too. Her talk was very interesting.

Speech and Drama

All the pupils completed a 6 week Session of Speech and Drama with Wendy and really enjoyed it. Thanks again to the Parents Association for funding it.

Athletics Competition Tullamore

Well done to all the pupils from Arles N.S.who took part in the Laois Primary Schools Track & Field Championships on

Active Schools Week

Active Schools Week began on Monday 19th June with Karate. Alison Miller taught Gymnastics and The Hockey Club from Carlow did Hockey with all classes on the coast day too. On Tuesday 3rd-6th participated in the Sports Day Races while Junior Infants to 2nd went on their school tour. On Wednesday we had swimming. On Thursday 3rd to 6th went on their school tour and the other classes had their Sports Day. On Friday, we finished Active Schools Week with Athletics for all classes. Thanks to Breda and all those who gave of their time.

Discovery Primary Science and Maths Award of Excellence

We were delighted to receive the Award of Excellence again this year for all our work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

School Calendar 2016/2017

School re-opens on Friday 1st September 2017. Enjoy the holidays!