

Summer Newsletter 2018



Principal's Note

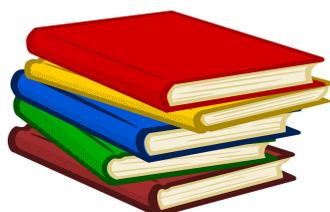
As we finish the school year 2017/2018, I'd like to thank the Board of Management, Parents, Staff & Pupils for their ongoing support to our school. Enjoy the holidays!

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 enjoyed the Speech and Drama Sessions which were funded by the Parents Assoc. Thanks also to the parents who helped out during the year, especially those involved with refreshments for the Sacraments and Graduation Mass. It's very much appreciated.



Write A Book

Congratulations to Rían Murphy in First Class, Ellie Kealy in Fourth class and Sophia Hislop in 5th class who got a merit for their Write a Books. The children had a lovely evening in The

Midlands Hotel where they received their awards and listened to the talented storyteller Níall de Burca. Well done to the many Highly Commended Winners too.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to 2nd Class who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 27th 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 "Chocolate Chamber".

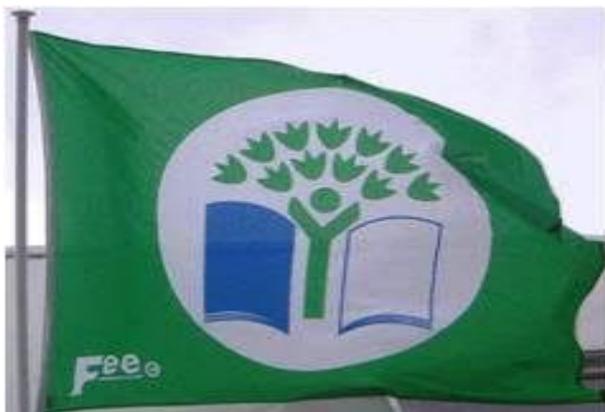


Green Schools Flag

Congratulations to Arles School on receiving their 8th Green flag (**Global Citizenship Marine Environment**) . It is a great achievement as we are one of the very few schools to have received all 8 flags. Well Done everyone. We collected the flag on May 22nd in Hotel Kilkenny and enjoyed a lovely lunch before coming back with the flag. Just a few words from Sophia Hislop (Green School's committee member)on the day of our Green Flag Award ceremony

Green Flag Award Ceremony

On the 22 of May 2018, Luke, Mrs Lawlor and Mrs Cox and I attended the Green Flag Award Ceremony. We arrived at 11 o'clock in Hotel Kilkenny. We went into the venue. There were lots of people there. Many different schools attended. We took our seats and it started. There were lots of speeches about saving electricity and water and they encouraged us to reduce reuse recycle After awhile they started presenting the flags. They worked their way up from the Litter and Waste flag to the Marine Environment flag. We were receiving our eight green flag which is a huge achievement and we are one of a few elite schools in the country receiving this award. We went up to get our flag and sat back down. When the ceremony ended, we were brought downstairs to have a meal. We felt very important as we got a fabulous lunch in the post dining room. We also got dessert, profiteroles, and tea or coffee. On the way home we got 99's. Overall it was a great day. We didn't end up going to school,well, only for getting our bags. Thanks to Mrs Lawlor and Mrs Cox. The Green Flag was raised after the Graduation Mass.





German



Thanks to Sybil Kehoe for teaching 4th,5th and 6th class German for 4 weeks again this year. We are very fortunate to be able to give this opportunity to the pupils in our school.

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-3rd Class School Tour

This year we went to see Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf in the Dunamais Arts Centre in Portlaoise. It was a fantastic show presented by the Talisman Theatre Company. Afterwards, the pupils enjoyed some fun and activities along with ten pin bowling in Roll 'n Bowl. A fun day was had by all.





4th-6th Class School Tour

On Monday 18th June 4th to 6th went on their school tour to Wicklow, with a visit to the Cool Planet Experience in Powerscourt and then to Sea Life Bray. A great day was had by all. Thanks to the teachers for organising it.





Rounders

Congratulations to the two teams from 4th,5th and 6th class who participated in this year's competition. Well done!



Graduation Mass

On Tuesday 2th June the Graduation Mass was held for the 8 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 20th June the New Junior Infants visited the school for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. We look forward to them starting school in September.



Swimming, PAWS

The Junior Room have been learning all about Water Safety. Some of the topics we covered were Water Safety at Home,

Water Safety at the Pool, Water Safety at the Beach, Water Safety on the Farm, Water Safety at Inland Waterways and finally, Safe Boating. The children have really enjoyed all the advice from Captain Birdseye and Dopper the dolphin.



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.

Active Schools Week

This year our Active School Week took place from Tuesday 19th June until Wednesday 20th June. Some of the activities included athletics, football, gymnastics, karate, an archaeological talk, water safety, fun and plenty of games. Many thanks to all who helped out during this time. Check out our new Sports notice board on the corridor outside the Resource Room.





Engineers Visit

We were delighted to have Tim Kavanagh visit our school again this year. He spoke to the Middle Room and Senior Room about Engineering and the pupils got an opportunity to design and make a car.

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. This is our 4th year in a row to achieve this. Well done to all involved.

Water Safety Talk

On Friday 22nd June, Deirdre Wall for Irish Water Safety came and spoke to the Middle Room and Senior Room about Water Safety. Thanks to Deirdre for her time.

6th Class Retreat

On Thursday 14th June, 6th class went to Glendalough Wicklow for their Retreat. Thanks to Fr. Pádraig for organising this. It was a lovely day and enjoyed by everyone.



Archaeological Talk

On Wednesday 27th June, David Bailey, the Chief Archaeologist on the Maidenhead site, came and spoke to 4th, 5th & 6th classes on

the work that the archaeologists are doing there. He showed us photos of the site and the excavations they have done so far. Thanks to David for his time and sharing his knowledge with us.

Classes for Next Year

Ms. Mahon & Mrs. Ryan will teach Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class in the Junior Room. Ms. Holohan will teach 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Middle Room. Mrs. Fitzpatrick will teach 5th and 6th in the Senior Room. Ms. Lawlor will be the Special Education Teacher.

School Calendar 2018/2019

School re-opens on Monday 3rd September 2018. Enjoy the holidays!