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**Newsletter – Sept 2021**

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**Welcome back everyone. We are back in school for approximately one month at this stage and it has been a busy time. We have had a chance to settle back into the school routines and it is now time to look forward to what will be happening during the school year.**

### **Pupils and Staff.**

Firstly we would like to give a big welcome to our new Junior Infants. Every year, the new Juniors bring renewed energy and vibrancy to the school. We are glad that they are all settling in very well and it is great to see them all happily trotting into school in the morning.

Total enrolment in the school is now 187 pupils. Happily our staff remains the same as last year: Lisa Moore continues in the job sharing role with Triona Lynch, Alison Cronin also continues as our shared Special Education Teacher (shared with Barryroe N.S). Marion Coakley is very ably replacing Lorraine Crowley who is absent at the moment.

In October, we will have a student teacher on placement in SEN and with fifth class. We had 3 teachers on student placement last year and it turned out to be a very positive experience all round. We look forward to the same this year. Also we would like to congratulate Lorraine Crowley who got married during the summer to Darren Costello.

### **School Building:**

As you will all have seen our school extension is under construction. It is great to see it happening even if it creates problems for us at the moment. We are limited in terms of our indoor spaces and we have lost some yard as well. Some days, with the work on our own site and the work across the road, it can feel like we are all working on a building site! But this is temporary. The windows and doors have

now been installed and work internally is ongoing. So good progress is being made and completion is within sight.

### **Confirmation and First Holy Communion:**

The Confirmation Ceremony for our Sixth Class of 2021 will take place on Thursday October 7<sup>th</sup> in St. Patricks Church Bandon at 17.00

The First Communion will take place on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in St. Patricks Church, Bandon at 10.30.

### **New Website:**

The school (Ms. Bradfield) has created a new website to share our news, interests and activities with the parents, the community and the wider world. The new website can be found at

[www.snsclaragh.net](http://www.snsclaragh.net). We have just begun using the site but over time, it will again fill up with all that is going on in our school community.

Thanks very much to Marie Bradfield for all her work and expertise in this matter.

Remember the old website is still up and running at [www.laragh.scoilnet.ie](http://www.laragh.scoilnet.ie) should you wish to visit it.

### **School Policies:**

Towards the end of last year, we reviewed and updated the school Code of Behaviour and the Acceptable Usage Policy. Both have been ratified by the Board of Management and are available to view on the school website – Parents' Area

tab/Information for Parents on the new website.

Next we will be reviewing and updating our Anti-Bullying Policy and our Homework Policy. We would appreciate your feedback on a survey we will send out.

### **Return of School Activities:**

We are delighted see a return of some school activities. It introduces a bit of variety into the children's week in school.

#### **Cycle Sense:**

Fifth class have started a course in cycling safety training run by Cycle Sense. This was scheduled to happen last year, so we are delighted to be finally able to go ahead. The course consists of 6 sessions delivered by qualified trainers from the national register. For the final 2 sessions, it is hoped to take

the pupils out on the road.

#### **Tennis:**

Tennis Coach Alan O'Mahony is also back with us. He will do 6 lessons with all classes from Senior Infants to Sixth Class. Welcome back Alan.

#### **School Uniforms and Tracksuits:**

Tracksuits are to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Friday with uniform on Tuesday and Thursday – unless a class is otherwise instructed for a particular activity. The tracksuit pants/leggings must be plain and navy in colour. Also please put your child's name on all their jumpers. It is difficult for staff to locate missing jumpers that do not have names on them.

#### **Parents Association:**

*The Parents Association would like to welcome everyone back to school and welcome all new parents who have recently joined Laragh National School .*

*The P.A. is made up of a chair person, Caroline Murray, secretary, Tracy Quinlan, treasurer, Kathleen Tobin and other parents from the school. We would love if new parents would like to join the Parents Association. It's a great way to meet parents and get involved in the events at the school.*

*The Parents Association is involved in helping to fundraise and organise events in the school such as: healthy eating, fun days, school calendars, and any other event that the school requires help from us. Due to Covid we are not holding any meetings but we are discussing any issues through our WhatsApp group. Hopefully we will be meeting again soon .We are holding a clothes collection in November and our school calendars will be done later in the year. Please feel free to contact any of the members if you have any questions or would like to help out in any way. (Caroline Murray chairperson)*

#### **Congratulations to Past Pupils:**

We always try to keep a look out for how our past pupils are doing. So congratulations (and commiserations) to Luke Meade who played for Cork in the All-Ireland Hurling final this year. It didn't work out as he would have wished but nonetheless it is a great achievement to represent Cork in hurling

so often and so well. (Thanks also to Damien and Nora O'Brien of 'Sign Spec' for the poster we had wishing Luke well)

Congratulations to all our past pupils who did the Leaving Cert this year. We hear a lot of positive stories as to how they got on. Many of them have just started at third level or embarked on new careers and we wish them all the very best.

#### **Lunches delivered to school:**

A company called 'The Lunch Bag' ([www.thelunchbag.ie](http://www.thelunchbag.ie)) are offering healthy lunches delivered to schools at what seem to be reasonable prices. The whole thing is completely optional and there is no obligation on any parent to commit to any package. You simply download the app, put in your order and it is delivered to the school the next day. It is just a service option that parents (and staff) may wish to use regularly, occasionally or never. It is entirely up to you. This will begin in the next week or two.