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Newsletter – June 2022

So we are near the end of the school year and looking forward to the summer. We have had a very busy, but enjoyable term with so many activities resuming. This newsletter outlines some of these activities and also looks at our future plans.

On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to wish you all a very pleasant and restful summer.

Staffing 2022/2023:

Class Teachers:

| Classroom | Teacher |
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| Junior Infants | Ms. Henry |
| Senior Infants | Ms. Bradfield |
| First Class | Ms. Gleeson |
| Second Class | Ms. Costello |
| Third/Fourth Class | Mr Ambrose |
| Fourth/Fifth Class | To be appointed |
| Fifth/Sixth Class | Katie O'Connell |

Please note:

Peter McCluskey is taking a career break for the coming year. We will miss him very much and wish him a very enjoyable year.

Second class will be taught by another teacher (yet to be appointed) until Ms. Costello returns from maternity leave.

Also best of luck to Ms. O'Connell on her upcoming marriage to Andrew.

Before and After School Childcare:

The school has been in discussions with Sherpa Kids (<https://www.sherpakids.ie/>) with a view to exploring child care provision in Laragh N.S. Sherpa Kids are well-established and experienced child care providers who operate in many nearby schools.

In September, Sherpa Kids will send out a survey to parents to establish the level of interest among parents in the provision of child care at our school.

Opening of Extension:

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported the opening of our new extension on Thursday, May 26th. The

weather was kind to us and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. The disco was a big hit. It was lovely to have our very own parent and Mayor perform the opening. Well done also to the Parents Association for catering so well for so many people.

Summer Plans:

Over the summer we hope to do some work on improving the outside areas around the front of the school.

We hope to install 2 more interactive screens, thereby having one in each classroom.

We will also paint some areas in the school building.

First Holy Communion:

On a lovely, sunny Saturday morning in May, our second class made their First Holy Communion in St. Patricks Church, Bandon. It was great to have such a community gathering again and the children in the class did their jobs so impressively. Thanks also to the pupils who provided the lovely choir on the day.

Sciath na Scol Champions:

Congratulations to our Girls Football team who won their final of the West Cork Sciath na Scol in Dunmanway on Thursday June 2nd. They played a very exciting game against Scoil an Chríost Ro Naofa, Castletownbere, eventually winning on a score line of 3-3 to 2-3.

Cork City Sports:

Congratulations to our boys and girls who took part in Cork City Sports on Friday 3rd June, a most enjoyable day was had by all thanks to the lovely weather.

Girls' results: Fiona O'Brien 1st, Kate Casey 1st, Claire O'Brien 2nd, Kara Casey 2nd, Isobel Lane 3rd, Julie O'Keeffe 3rd.

Relays: U11 – 1st place & Shield (Kara Casey, Fiona O'Brien, Julie O'Keeffe, Isabelle Skally)

Over 11 – 3rd place (Ava Mulcahy, Isobel Lane, Ruby O'Halloran, Orla Weblin)

Boys' results: Konrad Szober 3rd, Paschal McCarthy 2nd.

Relays: U11 – 2nd place (Joseph McCarthy, Paschal McCarthy, Charlie McLaughlin, Ronan McCarthy)

Other Sporting Events:

6th class took part in a soccer tournament organised by Jack O'Donoghue and Bandon A.F.C on Friday June 10th.

6th class also participated in an 'Inter Schools Football blitz' organised by Bandon GAA on Wed June 15th. This event was very well organised by our own past pupil Amy Allen. 3rd/4th class participated in a football blitz in Clonakilty on Friday May 27th where they played very well.

Infant Morning:

On Friday June 10th, we welcomed our new Junior Infants and their parents to have a look around the school and meet each other. It was too wet to go out on the yard but there was lots of time for the new boys and girls to play with the toys and with each other.

There is expected to be 25 pupils in next year's Junior Infants. Welcome to them all!

Graduation Ceremony – 6th class:

We also said our official goodbye to 6th class at our Graduation Ceremony on Monday June 13th. There were lots of memories from their years in Laragh. Fr. John Kingston also called to wish the class the very best and the Parents Association presented the pupils with pens and autograph books.

So we say goodbye to: Zoe Brennan, Ronan Coughlan, Shauna Crean, Sean Fitzgerald, Louis Guédan, Ethan Heaney, Anna Hegarty, Michael Lane, Shay Lane, Olivia Moss, Ava Mulcahy, Abiel Nixon, Daniel O'Donovan, Aidan O'Keeffe, Róisín O'Mahony, Rhiannon Payne, Ciarán Quinlan, Harry Sebury, Sergiusz Szymanski, Konrad Szober & Orla Weblin.

School Tours:

All classes went out on school tour this year. Again we were fortunate with the weather and everyone stayed safe and enjoyed themselves.

Junior/Senior Infants: Thurs June 16th – Fota Wildlife Park.

1st/2nd: Mon May 30th – 'Let's Go' Little Island.

3rd / 4th: Wed June 8th – The Lagoon, Rosscarbery.

5th/6th: Mon May 30th – Ballyhass Adventure Centre.

Parents Association:

The Parents Association have been extremely busy this term. There was a clothes collection, catering at the Official Opening, catering at the Graduation and the organising of the book night with Hickey's Bookshop. All done so well and with so little fuss.

It is very much appreciated by the Board of Management and the School Staff. Remember also that new members will be most welcome in the autumn.