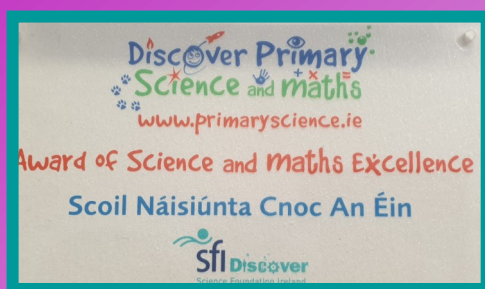


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Newsletter

May 2019

Dear Parents/ Guardians,



Award of Science and Maths Excellence:

This is our 6th year to receive this national award. The award recognises the achievements of primary school children and their teachers in the application of science and maths in the classroom. As well as keeping a log of all science work for the year, pupils this year had to show how they integrated Maths into their experiments.. It also required the school to show how it used technology in the teaching of science and how they investigated engineering in the classroom. All the classes in the school contributed in some way towards the finished log book and it is only fitting that their work should be acknowledged. Well done!! Many thanks to all the teachers who contributed to this project over the past number of months and to Sinéad for compiling the finished log book.

Write a Book:

Congratulations to the following pupils from 4th class who received prizes in this competition: Aoife Horan, Sarah Blake and Sarah O Dwyer were winners in the Clare Education Centre Write a Book Competition. They received their prizes at an awards night in the Auburn Lodge on May 7th. Well done to all the boys and girls in 4th class for their tremendous effort!



Croagh Patrick:

6th class will embark on their annual climb of Croagh Patrick in June. Thanks to John for organising the trip and to all the teachers and parents who help out on the day. Over the past five years in consultation with the 6th class, money raised has been spent on specific projects- call it 6th class legacy to the school! More details in June newsletter.

STEAM :

5th class trip to Mary Immaculate training college

On Thursday 23rd of May, all of 5th class went to Mary Immaculate Collage to present their project 'How to win an All- Ireland Hurling final' for the ESB Science Blast.

Over the past few months, the class have been preparing for this project. They gathered and analysed data as they watched the last four All – Ireland finals. They displayed it all on a poster divided into six sections, Data, Our Class Predictions, Prediction Results, Other Findings and Helmet Findings. They also had a quiz, a solo challenge and a reaction game on Microbit.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP):

On Friday 17th May, sixth class hosted a Cinema Spectacular as part of their Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They had multiple showings of movies throughout the day. The movies were all U rated so they were suitable for all the different age groups. The cost of a ticket was €5 which included admission to the movie, a drink, popcorn and a chocolate bar. Movies shown were Alvin and The Chipmunks: The Road Chip, The Secret Life of Pets and Daddy Day Care.

On May 17th, 6th class travelled to the Tracey's West County Hotel for the JEP showcase. All schools that took part in the project attended this event where they were presented with flag, plaque and individual certificates of participation. Some money from this project was donated to Doora -Barefield U 14 football and hurling teams as a contribution to their Feile Fundraising.



Sacraments:

Congratulations to the boys and girls in 2nd class on making their Communion on May 11th. All the hard work and preparation paid off on the day. Thanks to the class teacher Ciara Felle for preparing the class and to Amy and the choir for the fabulous music on the day. Thanks also to the Parents Association for organising the catering in the school afterwards.



School Tours: As you can see from the following school tours are under way at the moment!

Sen Inf	Thurs June 13 th	Moher Hill Farm
1 st	Wed May 29 th	Galway Aquarium
2 nd	Thurs May 30 th	Aillwee Caves
3 rd	June 17 th	Mullaghmore
4 th	Tue May 28 th	Lahinch Aquarium
	June 17 th	Coole Park
	June 24 th	Ardnacrusha
5 th	Tue June 18 th	U.L Adventure Centre
6 th	June	Croagh Patrick
6 th	June 19/20 th	Inis Oirr
Sen Inf	Tue June 13 th	Moher Hill Farm
Jun Inf	Wed June 19 th	Burren Nature Sanctuary



Sport

- Yoga: Antoinette Butler will conduct three yoga sessions with all pupils on May 27th, June 10th and June 12th
- Swimming: The annual schools swimming gala will take place in Ennis pool on Mon June 10th .
- Girls Football Final : The girls have reached the final of the West Clare Divisional Board which will be played in Cusack Park on June 10th at approximately 1p.m.



Active Schools Week:

Active Schools Week in the school will take place during the week of June 10th – June 14th. During this week all the classes will be timetabled for different activities.



Standardised Testing:

Standardised test scores compare an individual child's achievement to that of a 'reference group' of children nationally. This year we have changed from using the Sigma T and Micra T tests to Drumcondra Primary Maths and Drumcondra Primary English. All classes from 1st to 6th have undertaken these tests during the past three weeks. Please note you may see differences between your child's results on the new tests and their results on older tests. Many tests become easier over time, as the content becomes more familiar. The results of these tests will be included in the annual end of year school report

School Garden

We would like to extend our gratitude to the parents of 2nd class and the pupils of 3rd class for all their work in preparing the window boxes. Thanks to all those who have taken care of them and watered them. Also thanks to the Parents Council for funding them and Roseanne Murphy for sourcing the necessary materials. Also a thanks to Jackie Timoney for all her support and advice –especially for the Fairy Garden. Adrian Brooks kindly transported the topsoil from Crusheen to the school for our new garden project. We are also starting our own pumpkin patch and will need volunteers to water the pumpkins during the summer. We are currently looking for large tractor tyres-please contact Tina if you have any to donate.

Thanks to Jimmy, our caretaker for his help, and a big thanks to Energia GIY for the €1000 grant which will fund our new garden project.



Dates to remember:

June 3rd – 7th	Bank Holiday Break. School closed
Thurs June 20th:	O 'Mahony's will open shop for parents from 6p.m.-8.30p.m
Thurs May 30th	Induction day for new Junior Infants
Wed June 12th	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Fri June 28th	School closes for the Summer holidays

School Closures 2019-2020

School opens on Wednesday August 28th 2019

Midterm break- School closes on Oct. 25th - reopens Nov 4th

Christmas Holidays: school closes on Dec. 20th - reopens on Jan 6th

Mid Term Break: School closed February 20th & 21st

St Patrick's Weekend: March 16th & 17th

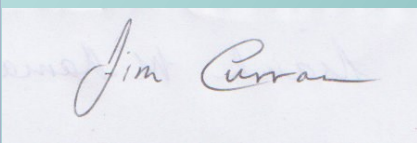
Easter: School closes on April 3rd and reopens on 20th April

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday May 4th

June Holiday: School closes on May 29th and will reopen June 8th

School closes for the Summer on June 26th

Yours Sincerely

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Jim Curran