

# Summer Newsletter 2022



Dear parents,

Well, what a year it has been!! It was my great honour to be appointed as Principal in February' 22. Since that time a new senior management team has been appointed. Norma Nugent as you know is our new Deputy Principal.

Since our appointments we have really enjoyed our new roles and getting to know you the parents and the children. We have both taught here for 22 years so St.Conleth's Infant School holds a very special place in our hearts and is very important to us and we are both privileged and excited to lead the school into the next chapter and eventually into the new school building.

Along with Mrs.Harnett and Mrs. Mahon retiring we are also sorry to say goodbye to another of our much loved teachers Mrs. Linda Taylor next week. Thank you Mrs.Taylor for all your hard work, dedication and kindness you have shown many children over the years and who have received a wonderful education in your care.

Thank you our pupils for your wonderful engagement this year. We have a very special group of children here in St. Conleth's Infant School and I couldn't be prouder of them all. Thanks also to our parents for your co-operation, support, and goodwill throughout the year and especially in the last four months since I started as Principal.

I would like to say a special thanks to the fantastic staff who work so hard, giving the best care and education to the children in the school. We are very lucky in St.Conleth's Infant School with the wonderful staff that work here.

I would like to send our very best wishes to Ms Nicola Sweeney on her upcoming wedding day in July.

To the staff members who are leaving to take up new positions, travel or whose contract has come to an end, I would like to wish you the very best in the future and thank you for being part of the team here in St. Conleth's Infant School.

To our Graduating pupils from rooms 10, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, wishing all of you the very best of luck in your new schools and thank you for being such a vital part of ours.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful Summer. Thank you all for your support.

Anne-Marie O'Connor



# Mrs. Linda Taylor's Retirement

Thursday June 23rd 2022 was a very special day in St. Conleth's Infant school, Newbridge. We said farewell to our wonderful Teacher Linda Taylor. We celebrated her retirement with an outdoor assembly where the children sang, danced and some of our First class and Senior Infant students hosted the assembly! We couldn't have been prouder of all the children and all our guests were so impressed with their excellent behaviour and talent. We certainly will miss Mrs Taylor and we wish her every good wish on her well deserved retirement!







#### **Junior Infants**

Junior Infants are coming to the end of their first year in school, and what a year they've had. From all the new things learned, to science experiments, sand & water play, gymnastics, Seomra Draíochta and everything in between, it's been such a busy year. The boys and girls had a super day on our school tour to the Pet Farm. We all really enjoyed seeing all the animals and the bus journey was very enjoyable for us all.

Our year is ending on a high thanks to our active week activities where we had the best sports day and brought our teddies on an ice-cream picnic in the park when we walked a mile with a smile. Well done Junior Infants, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.



## Senior Infants

We cannot believe the year is almost over! The Senior Infants have worked so hard all year while having lots of fun! We have been so busy learning about money and capacity in Maths and we enjoyed learning about the restaurant in English. This term we continued with gymnastics learning new skills like headstands and tumbles and we already cannot wait to get back to it in First Class. We put on a performance for each other on the stage. Each class performed poems and songs and we even got to wear costumes. We loved being on the stage. While the weather was warm we got to visit the yarnbombing in the park. We brought our Teddy Bears and had delicious ice pops for a Teddy Bear Picnic. For Active Week we became Super Sport Stars and participated in all the activities and we walked a mile with a smile. Our school tour also took place in June and we were so lucky the rain held off. We visited Lullymore where we saw Fairy Houses, rode on the train around the bog and made a wish around the Wishing Tree. It was a close vote but the favourite activity of the day was the Funky Forest indoor playground! The Senior Infants painted and created fabulous summer art that is currently hanging around the school. We have been practicing songs and poems for our wonderful Mrs. Taylor in celebration of her retirement this week. Well done to all the senior Infant children. What a wonderful year we have had!







## First Class

The boys and girls have had a very busy last term in First Class with lots of hard work and fun. We have been learning all about Summer and did lots of activities in the summer sunshine, such as sand and water play. We really enjoyed all the activities for Active Week. We were very lucky to have Sports day, jersey day and we were treated to ice-pops at the end of Active Week. We enjoyed a walk to the park and loved seeing all the beautiful yarn bombing. We practiced our GAA football skills and planted some seeds too. We were very busy preparing for Mrs. Taylor's retirement assembly. We wish Mrs. Taylor the very best of luck in her next chapter.

The boys and girls had the best day ever at our school tour to Lullymore. We loved the play area, the train and going on the bus. We were also lucky enough to attend a show in the Riverbank called Lúminaria. Here the children joined Lúna on a magical adventure to find the light and to protect her mother and villagers from darkness. A very enjoyable show for us all to enjoy. We have been very busy preparing for our upcoming Graduation. We have been learning lots of songs, poems and a dance. We have made brilliant memories and amazing friends in St. Conleth's Infant School. Wishing all the boys and girls the best of luck in Second Class and have a great Summer!

# Junior Infants 2022

At the beginning of June we welcomed our Junior Infants for 2022/2023 to our school along with their parents. The children got to see their classroom, meet their teacher and become familiar with our school. We are looking forward to welcoming them all back after the Summer break as they begin their primary school journey in St. Conleth's Infant School.

## **Blue Star Programme**

We are delighted to announce that we have completed the Blue Star Award. We received the **Blue Star Programme Certificates of Achievements**, signed by the Minister of State for European Affairs, and a European flag. Congratulations to all involved.

## Active Week

We had a very busy active term. Junior and Senior Infants had gymnastics every Tuesday with Coach Kieran. Niall and Eoin from Moorefield taught us loads of new football skills. The sun was shining for our Active Week this year. We began our week with a "Drop Everything and Dance" on Monday, we danced to our hearts content. The school was full of colour on Tuesday when we wore our favourite jerseys to school. Sport's Day was the best day on Wednesday, we walked to the Patrician pitch to play some games. We walked a "Mile with a Smile" on Thursday all the way to the park. Without a doubt, our favourite treat was when the ice pops arrived on Friday!!

School holidays commence on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June School reopens on Thursday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Wishing you all a safe, happy fun filled Summer!







