



Summer Newsletter 2023



Dear parents & guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end! It has been a busy year with a relocation from the main building in January along with all normal school life and activities. It is safe to say that through the move, the heartbeat of our wonderful school didn't miss a beat! Our special Infant School ethos with lots of wonderful events and activities continued during the school year.

You will hear all about some of these wonderful activities in this newsletter.

We are hopeful that in September our First Classes, and some Senior Infant Classes will be in the new two storey building along with our special education Preschool and Junior class too. An exciting first term lies ahead for us! We will certainly keep you posted of all changes at the end of August.

Thank you to 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 and support. Thank you to our Board of Management and our wonderful Parents Association for all your work and support this year.

I would also 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.

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, 13, 14, 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. We look forward to sharing your Graduation day with you all on Thursday 29th @12.30pm.

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

Anne-Marie O'Connor



Parents Association Summer Raffle

Huge thanks to our Parents Association for organising our Summer Raffle. The raffle took place on the morning of 16th of June. All the children really enjoyed taking part in the Summer Raffle with lots of prizes to be won. Many thanks to our many local businesses who sponsored these prizes. The Parents Association raised a lot of money for our school which will be put to great use to purchase new toys, IT Equipment and lots of learning resources for the children in our school.



Junior Infants

The boys and girls have had a wonderful final term in junior infants. They have enjoyed lots of different activities and trips out of the class.

In May we went on our school tour to Clonfert Pet Farm. The children loved seeing all the animals, trying out the zip line, mini golf and the bouncy castle. We also really enjoyed the indoor and outdoor playground. We had fantastic guides who told us all about the animals on the farm and we were so lucky that the sun shone all day for us.

As part of our science curriculum in May we looked at the lifecycle of the butterfly. We got some caterpillars and kept them in the classrooms. The boys and girls watched them grow and then form cocoons. We watched them turn in to butterflies and made sure to feed them nectar to help them grow. Once their wings were fully formed we released them in to the wild and there was great excitement as we watched them fly away.

The children enjoyed walking to the park at the beginning of June to see the yarn bombing. We enjoyed looking at all the wonderful creations and we made sure that everyone tried out the hugging tree! Room 5 met some of the sisters from the Holy Family Convent and gave an impromptu performance of Ave Maria while we were there.

We have been very fortunate with the weather this term and have enjoyed lots of lessons outside. The children have had great fun at the sand play and water play. There are lots of different toys in the sand and water trays that the children can play with and it has been great for their fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and encourages team work, sharing and problem solving skills.

In June we had our active week and the children were involved in lot of different types of activities for the week. We enjoyed dancing in the classroom whenever we heard a song on the intercom, wearing our jerseys for jersey day, and our walk a mile with a smile. We walked all the way to the park, through the fairy trail and back again. We tried lots of different sports during our sports day. We enjoyed spending a few minutes at various stations including skipping ropes, parachute, Frisbees, sack races, egg and spoon races and lots more. We finished Active Week with an assembly and our summer raffle.

The children have worked so hard this year, so as a reward we had a Teddy Bear's picnic. All the children brought in a teddy and we enjoyed our lunch outside in the sunshine. We all had lots of fun. Well done to all the Junior Infants on a fantastic first year in primary school.



Senior Infants

The boys and girls have had a very busy last term in Senior Infants with lots of hard work and fun. We cannot believe the year is almost over. We have been learning all about summer and have been enjoying lovely activities in the sunshine such as sand and water play. We really enjoyed all of the activities for active week. We had sports day, jersey day and we walked a mile with a smile to the park. We practiced our GAA skills with the lovely transition year students.

We really enjoyed our school tour to Lullymore in May. We got to go on the train, explore the fairy gardens and make a wish around the wishing tree. The children enjoyed the trip on the bus and really loved playing in the playgrounds. Well done Senior Infants, we wish you all a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.



First Class

We have had a really busy last term in first class! The boys and girls recently went on an exciting school tour to the zoo. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about different species and their habitats while having fun and making memories with their classmates.

We had an action-packed Active Schools Week with a different activity each day. The children engaged in various physical activities such as dancing, long walks, Sports Day and outdoor games. It was a great opportunity for them to get active and enjoy the lovely weather!

As we approach the end of the school year, the first class boys and girls are preparing for their graduation. They have been doing an amazing job practicing songs, a poem and a dance all for the big day.

To round up the year and to celebrate all of our great achievements, we even got to go on a special outing to the cinema with all our friends. We wish all the first class the very best as they embark on their next chapter in second class! We will miss you...well done boys and girls :)

Junior Infants 2023

At the end of May, we welcomed our Junior Infants for 2023/2024 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



The children really enjoyed learning about the European Union. They celebrated Europe by participating in lots of different activities. A huge congratulations to all for completing the Blue Star Programme 2022-2023. Rooms 2, 5, 12 and 17 received certificates for their involvement in the initiative.



Summer Stars National Reading Adventure 2023

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the 12th of June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>

Active Week

We had a very busy active term. 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. We walked a "Mile with a Smile" on Tuesday all the way to the park. The school was full of colour on Wednesday when we wore our favourite jerseys to school. Sport's Day was the best day on Thursday, we walked to the Patrician pitch to play some games. Without a doubt, our favourite treat was when the ice pops arrived on Friday!!

Green schools

Our Green School Committee have been hard at work over the last term . We focused on recycling in April, Energy in May and Biodiversity in the month of June.

We were lucky enough to have Evonne Boland from Newbridge tidy towns to come and chat to our first classes about the importance of the tidy town committee in Newbridge. It was a very informative talk for the children who got the opportunity to ask Evonne lots of questions too. We had lots of opportunities this term to use our beautiful park for walks and teddy bear picnics. Huge thanks to Evonne from Newbridge tidy towns for visiting us.

School holidays commence on Friday 30th June at 11.50pm for Junior Infants, 11.55pm for Senior Infants and at 12pm for our First Classes.
School reopens on Thursday August 31st.

Wishing you all a safe, happy fun filled Summer!

