**Summer Newsletter 2024**

Dear parents & guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end! It has been a busy year with the final move from the prefabs to the main corridor in January along with all normal school life and activities. As always, 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.

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. Congratulations to Mr.Scully on his recent engagement and to Mrs. Anna McGrath on her retirement from St.Conleth’s Infant School.

To our Graduating pupils from rooms 29,23,24,26 & 27, we wish 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 27th of June.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful Summer. We hope the sun will shine for us all. Thank you all for your support.

Anne-Marie O’Connor



**Parents Association**

On Friday 14th of June our Parents Association organised a fantastic Fun Day for the children. The Children’s entertainer from Really Grand Events created lots of fun and magic for us all to enjoy. There was lots of fun and laughter to be heard throughout the school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parents Association for organising the fun day and for also funding our new sand/water trays and sand toys for all our classes to enjoy. The Parents Association raised a lot of money for our school this year which is 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 great last term in Junior Infants. They have had a super start to big school, and we cannot believe how much they have grown throughout the year.

This term we enjoyed watching our caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies. We checked on our caterpillars every day and we even got to release them outside when they had transformed into butterflies! The children loved taking such good care of the butterflies.

During this term, the Junior Infants enjoyed their very first school tour to Clonfert Pet Farm. It was great day had by all! We loved seeing the animals, playing in the playgrounds, mini golf and the zipline.

We really enjoyed Active Week this term. We loved walking a mile with a smile to the park and looking at the lovely yarnbombing. We also enjoyed the obstacle course in our halla, sports day and we ended the week with a very funny entertainer/ magician.

The Junior Infants loved going on their trip to the Riverbank to see the show ‘Fall and Float’. We loved watching the dancers create different stories using the balloons.

The Junior Infants have had a super term to end the school year. We wish them all the best of luck in Senior Infants. Enjoy the Summer holidays 😊

A group of kids holding hands on a beach

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**Senior Infants**

Senior Infants have had a wonderful year. After Easter Break, we celebrated our Blue Star Programme and International Day. We learned about countries in Europe and the EU. On International Day we dressed up in our country’s colours and national costumes. We had an exciting school tour to Lullymore. We saw the Fairy trail, travelled on the train through the bog and got to play in the indoor and outdoor playgrounds. When the weather was warm and dry, we experienced some walks to the park, a Teddy Bears Picnic and even found a few minibeasts there. We have sand and water play set up and we have loved playing there when the weather is nice. Room 19 and 22 visited the library where they saw Henny is Stuck where we listened to the author tell the story. We enjoyed Active Week where we completed an obstacle course, danced with Brenda, walked a Mile with a Smile and had a great morning in the pitch for Sports Day. We finished our day with some yummy ice-pops. The Fun Day, organised by the PA in the hall was great excitement, with the entertainer Paul. He was the funniest guy and performed some cool magic. Senior Infants had a main role in Mrs.  Mc Grath’s retirement assembly where some of us had reading parts and performed a ribbon dance. We wish Mrs. Mc Grath all the best in her retirement. We had a great year in Senior Infants and are looking forward to First Class.

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**First Class**

The girls and boys in First Class have had another very busy term and have been working very hard. The children really enjoyed learning about different types of houses, minibeasts and the solar system. They participated in some lovely art activities too.

First class enjoyed spring walks around the school grounds and down to the strand. We had a great 1st class tour to the Irish National Stud. We learned all about the horses, completed the fairy walk and even got to feed the famous horse ‘Beef or Salmon’. The children had great fun with their friends in the playground. A great day was had by all!

We had a very busy and fun Active week too, involving a mile walk down by the Strand, an obstacle course, Sports Day, and Brenda very kindly offered to help us with our day of Dance, and to top off the week our Parents Association organised a super Magician for all the school.

The children have been working very hard on preparing for their Graduation Day and look forward to performing for all of you on Thursday 27th June.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the first-class pupils well in their new schools in September, from all the First class teachers, support teachers and SNAs and all the school staff and community. They have been a pleasure to work with throughout the year and we wish them well in their new schools. Well done First Class of 2024!

**Riverbank Trip**

Our Junior Infants enjoyed a recent trip to the Riverbank to see the ‘Fall and float show’. Despite the rain on the day, we thoroughly enjoyed this show of visual dance with lots of playful energy and impressive acrobats. Many thanks to the Riverbank for having us.

**Junior Infants 2024**

At the end of May, we welcomed our Junior Infants for 2024/2025 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**

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We were delighted to take part in Blue flag week from the 13th to the 17th of May. We learned all about different counties and their cultures.

The children have been learning all about the European Union while engaging with the Blue Star Programme! This was a great opportunity to also learn about all the different nationalities in our school. Huge thanks to our talented teachers Mrs O’Driscoll and Ms Kavanagh who are in the process of designing and painting our schools welcome wall which includes some of the many different languages spoken in our school. Here is a sneak peek!

A mural of children on the wall

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On Friday 17th of May, we celebrated international day where children and staff had the opportunity to wear their international colours /clothes to school.

The children showed off their national dress and country colours, they made flags, shared facts, sampled food from other countries and some even learned how to say hello in other languages.

Huge thanks to Ms O’Driscoll for organising a fun filled week.

**Summer Stars National Reading Adventure 2024**

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the 4th 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>

****A wooden sign with surfboards and beach items

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**Active Week**

Active Week took place the week of the 10th of June. On Monday we walked a” Mile with a Smile”, on Tuesday each class had the opportunity to take part in an Obstacle Course, we had Sports Day on Wednesday. On Thursday we got to dance with Brenda from Stage Academy. We danced to our hearts content. Huge thanks to Brenda for giving up her free time for us all.

We also enjoyed some lovely treats when the ice pops arrived on Thursday!!

We finished off the week with our Fun Day on Friday. Many thanks to Mrs Kenna for organising a fantastic active week for us all to enjoy.

**Mrs Mc Grath’s Retirement Assembly**

Mrs Mc Grath’s retirement assembly took place on Friday 21st of June. It was a fantastic celebration of a wonderful teacher’s career in St. Conleths Infant School. The children did an amazing job speaking , singing lots of songs and performing a ribbon dance to Mairead’s song ‘ Happier ‘.

We had lots of special guests on the day with Mrs Mc Grath and her family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Mc Grath for all her work in St Conleth’s Infant school throughout the years and wish her well in the future.

**Best wishes**

We would like to wish Mr Enda Scully the very best of luck as he leaves us after being a huge part of the staff for the past 7 years.

We also wish Mr Daniel Delaney, Ms Elaine Keogh, Mairead Carroll and Elaine Dunne who are finishing up with us on Friday the very best of luck in the future.

Finally best wishes to Ms Sorcha Reddy who is taking career break next year.

We will miss you all here in St. Conleths Infant school. Thank you for being part of the team here.

**School holidays commence on Friday 28th June at 11.45pm for Junior Infants, 11.55pm for Senior Infants.**

**School reopens on Friday August 30th.**

**Wishing you all a safe, happy fun filled Summer!**

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