



Summer Newsletter 2025



Dear parents & guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end! It has been a busy year for sure with lots of learning, fun, and laughter throughout the year. As always, we celebrated 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 lovely 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 you the 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 us 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 Mrs. Fiona O'Driscoll on her retirement from St. Conleth's Infant School! Thank you Mrs. O'Driscoll 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.

To our Graduating pupils from rooms 29,20,23,24,26 & 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 26th of June @12.45pm

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 20th 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

Junior Infants had a very busy and exciting summer term! One of our favourite days was our school tour to Clonfert Pet Farm. We saw lots of animals like goats, pigs, llamas, and rabbits. We got to feed some of them and had great fun playing in the playgrounds. We also went on go karts and had a lovely picnic together. It was a brilliant day out!

In class, we looked after some tiny caterpillars. We watched them grow bigger and bigger until they made cocoons. After a while, beautiful butterflies came out! We were so excited to let them go in the school garden. It was amazing to see how they changed and learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly.

We also went on a trip to the Riverbank Theatre to see a play called *The Little Prince*. It was a lovely show with music, lights, and great acting. The children really enjoyed watching the story come to life on stage. It was such a special treat for us all – we are so lucky to have such a lovely theatre so close to us!!

We took part in Active Week too, which was full of energy and fun! We tried lots of different activities like walks, dance breaks, and outdoor games. Everyone enjoyed moving their bodies and working together as a team. It was a great way to stay healthy and have fun with our friends.

Another special moment this term was getting ready for Mrs O'Driscoll's retirement assembly. We worked hard to learn our songs and dances to honour Mrs O'Driscoll. We were proud to be part of such an important celebration and to help give Mrs O'Driscoll a lovely send-off after all her years at our school.

Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a wonderful year and can hardly believe it's coming to an end. It's been a year filled with learning, laughter and lovely memories.

After Easter, we celebrated our Blue Star Programme and International Day. We learned all about countries in Europe and the EU. On International Day, we dressed up in our country's colours and national costumes. It was such a colourful and exciting day! As part of Europe Week, we focused on Italy, learning about its famous landmarks, foods and traditions. We explored our senses and had great fun tasting some sweet, sour and salty items. We also learned about the famous artist Michelangelo and even tried drawing like him by creating pictures while lying on our backs. We were so lucky to take part in The Big Dig, where the children became archaeologists for the day, digging for artefacts. Our school tour to Lullymore was a real highlight this term, we loved our trip through the bog, the fairy trails and the playgrounds. We made the most of the sunny weather with trips to the park and sand play. We were also very lucky to plant some sunflower seeds with Lelia. Active Week was another fantastic part of our term. We completed an obstacle course, walked a Mile with a Smile, had a great morning on the pitch for Sports Day and got to dance with Brenda. The Fun Day, organised by the Parents Association, was a huge hit! Paul the Magician was so funny! Senior Infants also played an important role in Mrs. O'Driscoll's retirement assembly, with some of our pupils taking on reading parts. We wish Mrs. O'Driscoll all the very best in her retirement. It has been a fantastic year in Senior Infants and we are very proud of all the children. Well done boys and girls!



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 Dublin Zoo. We learned all about the different animals and had great fun in the playground. We were blessed with the weather and a great day was had by all!

We had a fantastic visit from the Planetarium which the children really enjoyed too. We got to sit inside and see the special effects to teach us about the Solar System.

We had a very busy and fun Active week too, involving a mile walk down by the Strand, an obstacle course, Sports Day, Drop Everything and Dance day, and to top off the week our Parents Association organised a super Magician for all the school. Brenda also, very kindly offered to help us with our day of Dance on Monday 23rd June.

The children have been working very hard on preparing for their Graduation Day and look forward to performing for all of you on Thursday 26th 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 2025!

Literacy

It's been a really positive year for literacy in our school! We introduced new decodable readers for all classes, added permanent shelving in the library, and stocked up on lots of exciting new books for the children to enjoy. Classrooms also got some great new literacy resources to support reading and learning.

A big thanks to our amazing Parents' Association for running a fun and successful Book Swap during Book Week — the kids loved it!

We're really proud of the progress made this year and we're looking forward to building on it even more next year.

Summer Stars National Reading Adventure 2025

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the start 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/more-about-summer-stars](https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars/more-about-summer-stars)

The Big Dig



All the Senior Infant Classes enjoyed the "Big Dig" on Tuesday 20th of May. We had so much fun and learned lots about fossils, skeletons and archaeology. Huge thanks to schools' completion for funding "The Big Dig" for all our Senior Infants.



The Planetarium



On Monday 19th of May we were delighted to have the Planetarium here in our school hall for all our First Classes.

This was a magnificent show for all the children to enjoy and learn all about our planets and the solar system.

Many thanks to schools' completion for funding the show.

Junior Infants 2025

At the end of May, we welcomed our Junior Infants for 2025/2026 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.

Riverbank Trip

Our Junior Infants enjoyed a recent trip to the Riverbank to see the "The Little Prince". We thoroughly enjoyed this show where through mesmerising puppetry and beautiful original music, the boy who fell to earth teaches his friend the Aviator about love, life and real happiness in this adaptation of one of the best-selling children's books of all time.

Many thanks to the Riverbank for having us and to schools' completion for funding this enjoyable trip.



Blue Star Programme



This year marked our fourth year taking part in the Blue Star Programme. The children learned all about the countries in the European Union.

On 9th May we celebrated Europe day. We held an International day where 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. Children from room 26 taught us all about the programme at our International assembly. Huge thanks to Ms O'Driscoll for organising a fun filled week.



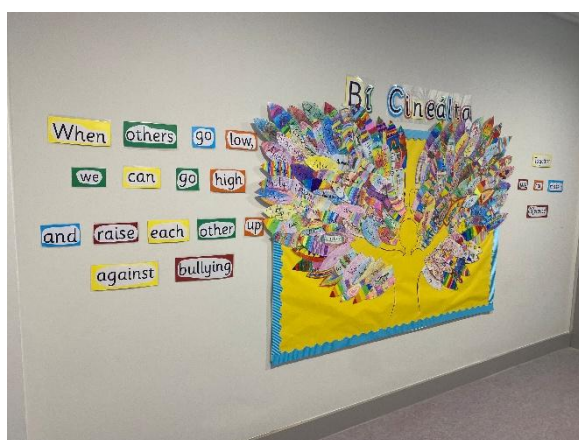
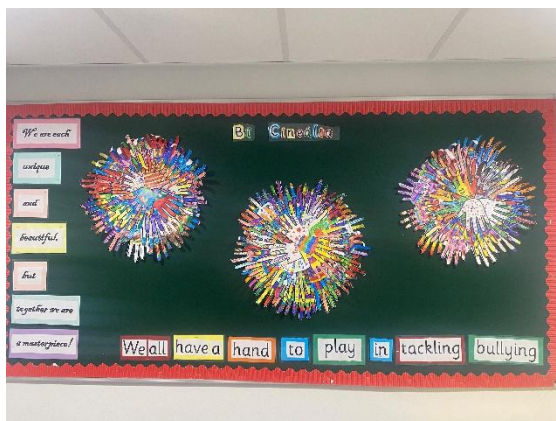
Active Week

We were blessed again this year with the sun for Active Schools Week. All children began the week with *Walk a Mile with a Smile* on Monday. Our walk took us through the lovely knitting in the park and down around by the playground where we even got a chance to have a play. On Tuesday, the obstacles course was set up in the hall where we meandered our way through the course. We *Dropped Everything and Danced* on Wednesday. The highlight on Thursday was *Sports Day*. We set off for the Patrician pitch and had activities like the sack race, egg and spoon race, tug-o-war, penalty shoot out, skipping ropes, hula hoops, relay races, beanbags and the parachute. On Friday, we celebrated the *Parents Associations Fun Day*. We couldn't believe our luck when the ice pops arrived to cool us down after the hot day. The celebrations didn't end until the following Monday. We were so lucky when Brenda from **Stage Academy** came in and taught us all some new dance moves. The best week ever!! Huge thanks to Mrs Kenna and Mrs Byrne for organising a fabulous week of activities.



Bí Cineálta

The children and staff have been working hard all year embracing and developing our new Bí Cineálta anti-bullying policy. As part of that, each year group developed their own display on the theme that “We are all unique and beautiful but together we are a masterpiece”. The Junior Infant children created a beautiful bird where each child decorated their own feather. The Senior Infant children created flowers using their handprints and the First Class children created a beautiful giant heart using lots of smaller individual hearts where each child wrote compliments and kind words on their hearts. These displays are part of our new Bí Cineálta walkway and the children love to stop and admire their beautiful work. Huge thanks to Mrs Phelan for all her hard work.



Mrs O'Driscoll's Retirement Assembly

Mrs O'Driscoll's retirement assembly took place on Friday 13th of June. It was a fantastic celebration of a wonderful teacher's career in St. Conleth's Infant School. The children did an amazing job speaking, singing lots of songs and performing a dance to Shakira's, Try Everything.

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



Jamie Lee

As this school year comes to an end, we would like to remember little Jamie Lee Feane from Room 6. We have dedicated this mural "Jamie - Lee Lane" in his memory and room 6 have planted a cherry blossom tree to remember him always.



School holidays commence on Friday 27th June at 11.45am for Junior Infants, 11.50am for Senior Infants.

School reopens on Thursday, August 28th.

Wishing you all a safe, happy fun filled Summer!

