

St. Conaire's Bulletin

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parents' Association Annual Family Fun Walk: The 2017 Fun Walk took place on Friday, April 28th. The walk is run by the Parents' Association to provide support to the school. The work of the Parents' Association is a huge support to the school and your support is greatly appreciated. This year's project relates to the school playing field. The Board of Management wishes to thank everyone who supported the walk through sponsorship, spot prizes, stewarding, organising and attending the event. Míle buíochas do gach duine a ghlac páirt san ócáid!

First Holy Communion 2017: Warmest congratulations to the girls and boys of 2nd class who received their First Holy Communion on May 6th in Ss. John & Paul Church. We wish to acknowledge their hard work since last September in preparing for receiving Holy Communion for the first time. They were a credit to themselves, their parents, their teachers and the school and we are very proud of them. A special word of gratitude to their teachers Mrs. Barry, Ms. Hogan, Ms. Coyne and Ms. Quinn for their work in preparing the children. Thanks also to our Parent Association for organising the party in the school and to Fr. Tom for guiding the preparations and for the Mass on the day.

School Books for 2017/2018: Deposits are now being taken for the school book shop which will open in early June. We urge as many parents as possible to avail of this facility.

FAI 5-a-side soccer: Congratulations to the boys' soccer team who made it to the Munster Semi Finals in Cork last week. The boys are Clare Champions in their division and performed really well in Munster. Their hard work at training paid off. Well done also to the boys who were pipped at the final hurdle in the Clare play-offs. Many thanks to the team trainers Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Glynn for their work with the teams.

Pangea Maths Olympics: Congratulations to four students from 6th class who qualified for the recent Pangea Maths Olympics in Trinity College, Dublin. Áine Maxwell and Cian Redmond qualified from Mr. McNamara's class while Declan Ross and Ronan Walsh qualified from Mr. Pilkington's class. Over 5,000 students took part in the first round in schools and 120 qualified for the finals. In the 6th class category Declan Ross took the bronze medal and we wish to congratulate Declan on his fine achievement. Many thanks to the 6th class teachers and the teachers involved in the Maths Initiative for 6th (Mrs. Glynn, Ms. Cleary and Ms. Finucane) for all their work in Maths this year. A special thank you to Ms. Cleary for organising our participation in the event and thank you also to the parents who brought our four participants to Dublin.

Easons Spelling Bee 2017: The annual Easons Spelling Bee for County Clare took place recently in Newmarket-on-Fergus. Cian O'Connor Jennings from Mr. McNamara's class took first prize in the county and now goes forward to the Munster Finals in Limerick at the end of May. We congratulate Cian and his family and we wish him all the very best in the next round.

Science Award Submission: All classes in the school have spent the year working hard at science. We have recorded the work in a project booklet which has been submitted by Mrs. Glynn for a Discover Primary Science Award. This year's entry shows the huge diversity of STEM work being done in the school. Well done to everyone for their work and best of luck in the judging.

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School Tours 2017: The 2017 school tours will be taking place in May/June. The list of tours is published below.

Class	Date	Destination
Juniors	June 16 th	Stonehall Farm
Seniors	May 31 st	Moher Hill Farm
First Class	June 19 th	Croom Farm
Second Class	June 14 th	Aillwee Caves, Lahinch
Third Class	June 9 th	Nevsail Centre, Limerick
Fourth Class (Ms. Greene)	June 13 th	Outdoor Centre, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Fourth Class (Mr. Glynn)	June 14 th	Outdoor Centre, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Fifth Class	June 12 th	Active Kingdom Outdoor Activities
Sixth Class	May 30 th	Croke Park and Dublin Zoo

Your child's class teacher will be letting you know about the details of the tours as the time draws near.

Internet Safety Talk 2017: The Internet Safety talk for pupils in 4th and 5th classes will take place on Thursday, May 25th in the school during the day. The parents' talk will take place in the school hall at 7 p.m. the same evening.

Print makers in Ms. White's class: Artist Suzannah O'Reilly has finished working with Ms. White's class. The class researched, designed and completed a large number of printing activities and finished up with lovely t-shirts, bags and a wall print.

Conaire's Connections: Our 3rd classes have been busy with a felting project through the Artist-in-School scheme 2017. The final project will be put on display in June and will be featured on our school website. The 3rd class pupils also got to do pottery work in association with Liam Coughlan and their work will be finalised soon.

Confirmation 2017: We wish our Confirmation candidates well as they undertake final preparations for the Confirmation Ceremony which takes place this Saturday, May 20th at 10:30 a.m. in Ss. John & Paul Church.

Winner of €50 voucher for school book shop: Congratulations to Luke Mulvihill of 2nd class who won a €50 voucher towards the school book shop in the draw after the Parents' Association Walk.

Cliffs of Moher Art Competition: Well done to two pupils in Ms. Kelleher's 1st class who won prizes in the Cliffs of Moher Art Competition. Lena Kubow took 1st prize and Daryl Bryant took 2nd prize. Their class also receives a class prize of a trip to the Cliffs of Moher Centre followed by lunch. Well done to them all!

Fidget Spinners: It has come to our notice that children are bringing fidget spinners to school. Please note that in the interest of the safety of pupils these toys are not permitted in St. Conaire's. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Walsh,
Principal