

# St. Conaire's Bulletin

April 26th, 2016

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## Important dates to note this term

First Holy Communion..... Saturday May 7 at 11 am

May Bank Holiday Weekend ..... Closed April 29, May 2 and May 3 inclusive

June Bank Holiday Weekend ..... Closed June 2, 3, 6 and 7 inclusive

Summer Holiday Closure ..... June 30 2016 at 12 noon

**Parents' Association Annual Family Fun Walk:** The 2016 Fun Walk took place on Friday, April 15. 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!

**School Books for 2016/2017:** Deposits are now being taken for the school book shop which will open in June. We urge as many parents as possible to avail of this facility.

**FAI 5-a-side soccer:** Congratulations to the girls' soccer team who made it to the Munster Semi Finals in Waterford last week. The girls 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 managers, Ms. Hogan and Mr. O'Connell, for their work with the teams.

**LearnStorm 2016:** Congratulations to the boys and girls from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes who performed so well over the 9 weeks of the LearnStorm National and International Mathematics project. Out of 800 primary and secondary schools and 26,000 pupils St. Conaire's finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the final cup. We were the top primary school in Ireland and we were the only school outside Dublin in the top ten. Well done to all involved and a well done to the project co-ordinator, Mr. O'Connell.

**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. Well done to everyone for their work and best of luck in the judging.

**Science Training for Teachers:** All teachers have completed training on science methodology under the guidance of the Discover Primary Science Programme. This was carried out after hours and we thank the teachers for their co-operation with this work.

**Promoting Co-operation Through Play:** The school has recently purchased a wide range of educational games for each classroom. These games will help support co-operation and team-building among the pupils. The project was funded by the Parents' Association and the Board of Management. It was co-ordinated by the Social, Personal and Health Education Team within the school. Thanks to all who worked with Ms. Hogan and Mrs. Eisenberg on the project.

**Student Council:** Elections for the new Student Council were held in February and the first meeting was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and will take place in the school.

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**School Tours 2016:** The 2016 school tours will be taking place in May/June. The list of tours is published below.

Class	Date	Destination
Juniors	Friday, May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stonehall Farm
Seniors	Wednesday, June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Moher Hill Farm
First Class	Tuesday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Croom Farm
Second Class	Thursday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Aillwee Caves, Lahinch
Third Class	Thursday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Nevsail Centre, Kilkee
Fourth Class	Wednesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Outdoor Centre, Kilfinane
Fifth Class	Tuesday, May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Crag Cave, Kerry Museum and Aquadome
Sixth Class	Wednesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	GPO, 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.

**First Holy Communion 2016:** Preparations are well under way for First Holy Communion which takes place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 2016 in SS John & Paul Church.

**Confirmation 2016:** Well done and congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. It was a lovely, solemn event and we thank the pupils, teachers, Special Needs Assistants, school staff and 5<sup>th</sup> class pupils who all worked together to make it a special ceremony for the candidates. We also thank Michelle Justice, Church Sacristan and Fr. Tom for their work before and during the ceremony.

**Address or Telephone Contact Details:** If you have changed your contact details please let the school know immediately so we can update our records.

**Board of Management:** The Board of Management has sanctioned the next phase of the field development project. A working group will be established to plan for the next stage of the project.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh, Principal