

# St. Conaire's Newsletter

April 25<sup>th</sup> 2018

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Parents' Association Annual Family Fun Walk:** The 2018 Fun Walk took place on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. 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. Despite the damp evening, large numbers turned out to support the walk and it was a lovely event. 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!

**Winner of €50 voucher for school book shop:** Congratulations to Anna Keely of 5<sup>th</sup> class who won a €50 voucher towards the school book shop in the draw after the Parents' Association Walk. Congratulations also to Finn Duff of 1<sup>st</sup> class who won a voucher for a school tracksuit.

**Confirmation 2018:** We wish to congratulate the girls and boys from 6<sup>th</sup> class who were confirmed by Bishop Fintan Monahan on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The ceremony was dignified and reverential. Well done to the 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who worked hard in preparation for the sacrament. A special thanks to their teachers Mr. Pilkington and Mr. McNamara who worked hard to prepare the pupils. Another special thanks goes to the teachers and pupils who provided such lovely music and singing as part of the ceremony – thank you all.

**School Books for 2018/2019: This is the final week that deposits are 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. Deposits are now being taken by Ms. O'Driscoll.**

**Field Development:** Work has commenced on the final part of the field project. The contractor has moved on to the site and drainage will be installed soon. We will keep you updated as this exciting project continues.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management: The Board of Management agreed upon the following items at its most recent meeting:

- The success of the school walk was noted and the Board's appreciation of the great support was expressed
- The Board was glad to note that the field project was once again under way.
- The Board granted approval for staff to undertake Continuous Professional Development in areas that are aligned to the priorities of St. Conaire's – special education, Gaeilge, Maths and Literacy Lift Off.
- The Board discussed plans for the school's golden jubilee in 2018/2019.
- The Board agreed to support a fundraising event for past pupil Aoife Sage in October 2018.
- The Student Council will be invited to meet with the Board later in the year.

**2018 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 2018:** The 2018 school tours will be taking place in May/June. The list of tours is published below.

Class	Date	Destination
Juniors	May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stonehall Farm
Seniors	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Moher Hill Farm
First Class	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ballyhoura House Farm, Croom
Second Class	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Aillwee Caves, Birds of Prey and Lahinch
Third Class	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Nevsail Centre, Limerick
Fourth Class	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Centre, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Fifth Class	June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Derg Isle Centre, Scarriff
Sixth Class	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	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.

**Department of Education Inspection in Social, Personal and Health Education:** Inspectors from the Department of Education undertook a Curriculum Evaluation in SPHE in the school in September 2017. The results of the inspection have now been published and are available from on the school website at [www.conaires.ie/News/SchoolNewsletters](http://www.conaires.ie/News/SchoolNewsletters) The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the hard work of all school staff and pupils in achieving such a positive outcome. Comhghairdeas ó chroí do gach éinne sa scoil!

**Fundraising Walk for Fleadh Cheoil na Mumhan 2018:** A walk/run will take place in support of the 2018 Munster Fleadh Cheoil which is on in Ennis this year. The walk takes place on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> and start from Malachy's Pub in Quin. The route is 7 km long and the cost is €10 for an adult, €5 for a child and €20 for a family. Refreshments provided at the finish. Start time is 1:00 pm.

**Wolfe Tones Camogie Club:** The Camogie Club's training schedule for Spring/Summer 2018 is as follows:

Age Group	Day	Time	Venue
Nursery Programme U6	Wednesday	4 to 5 pm	Main Hall in Leisure Centre
U8 and U10	Thursday	6 to 7 pm	Camogie Pitch
U12 and U13	Thursday	6 to 7 pm	Astroturf in GAA
U14	Monday	6 to 7 pm	Camogie Pitch
Juniors	Wednesday	6 to 7 pm	Camogie Pitch

We encourage as many girls as possible to join the Camogie club to build on the work being done in the school by the teachers and by Mark O'Donnell, the club Games Development Officer.

**First Holy Communion 2018:** We wish our 2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils well as they undertake final preparations for the First Holy Communion Ceremony which takes place this Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11 a.m. in Ss. John & Paul Church.

Yours sincerely,  
Peter Walsh,  
Principal

Maria O'Driscoll  
Deputy Principal

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