

St. Conaire's Bulletin

June 29th, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New school year: The school will reopen for the 2018/2019 school year on Thursday, August 30th for all pupils. The full school calendar is published on www.conaires.ie We wish all pupils, parents/guardians and staff a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Go raibh maith agaibh go léir! We would like to thank you all for your co-operation and support over the past school year. It was a busy year and we express our sincere gratitude to all who worked with us in so many different ways for the benefit of the pupils of St. Conaire's. We would like to thank all the school staff, the Parents' Association, the Board of Management and friends of the school who assisted in so many ways.

Best wishes: We wish our 6th class pupils well as they leave primary school and head towards a number of different second level schools. We hope the journey ahead will be a good one. We are very proud of them and we wish them well for the coming years.

Fr. Tom Ryan PP: We wish Fr. Tom Ryan the very best as he leaves Shannon for Ennis Parish. Fr. Tom has served as chaplain to St. Conaire's since 1992. He was also a member of the Board of Management of the school. He has been known to countless pupils as Fr. Tom and he gave generously of his time to the pupils, staff and parents of St. Conaire's N.S. Go raibh míle maith agat agus guímid rath Dé ort i do pharóiste nua in Inis!

Sacraments 2019: First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11th at 11 am; Confirmation on Wednesday, May 29th at 3 pm.

Field Development Project: The work on the field has been completed and has been handed over to the school. We hope to have it in use in 2019.

Blue Star Programme: Congratulations to our 6th classes and their teachers, Mr. Pilkington and Mr. McNamara, on successfully completing the European Union Blue Star Programme. The flag will fly at the school in the new school year.

Note from Wolfe Tones na Sionna: 4-day Academy Weeks will take place **July 3rd-6th, July 24-27th and August 21st-24th**, at the GAA Club & Grounds. All codes of GAA (Gaelic football, hurling, camogie, ladies football & rounders) will be coached. All primary school pupils are welcome to attend, whether a member of WTNS or otherwise. We are especially looking forward to meeting **non-members** who may like to sample GAA outside of their School Coaching Programme, and thus wish to join the club on the completion of the week. We hope to have a number of **special guest coaches** from the respective County Senior Panels. There will also be prizes for **Player of the Day** and **Most Improved Player Award**. Children attending the camp are advised to wear appropriate sports clothing/PE gear (spare change of clothes in the case of poor weather), bring a packed lunch & plenty fluids, and their hurley/helmet if owed. We are encouraging parents/guardians to book online through Eventbrite.ie, which will be live soon. Furthermore registration (for those who don't book online) will take place each Tuesday morning from 9:30am onwards, and should parents/guardians have any questions they can feel to contact Mark O'Donnell via mobile - **0867756053** (GAA Work Number).

Summer Reading Camp: Shannon Library is running a Summer Stars Reading Programme to encourage pupils to continue reading over the holidays. It is a free programme and children are welcome to join. Contact Shannon Library for further details.

School Book Shop: Many thanks to all who used the school book shop this year. Using the bookshop means that you will be guaranteed to get all your child's books in the one place.

Share A Dream Cookbook: A colourful cookbook supporting the Share A Dream Foundation is available now at €12 from parent Kris Kaliszczak on (086) 3160542.

Agreed Report of the Board of Management: At the meeting of the Board of Management of St. Conaire's NS the following items were discussed:

Mass on September 9 2018 to mark the opening of our 50th anniversary celebrations; Closure for one school day (date to be decided) to facilitate full school training on the Primary Language Curriculum; Acknowledgment of the contribution of Fr. Tom Ryan PP to school life; Progress on drainage and re-seeding of school playing field; Jubilee Year Projects; The Board met with the 2018/2019 Student Council and discussed the students' plans and contribution to school life; The Board approved the issuing of the Annual School Report on the operation of the school via the school website; The Board considered the upgrade of the school website which will be launched in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebrations; The Board approved and ratified our Child Safeguarding Statement; The Board approved and ratified our Data Protection Policy

Class arrangements for the 2018/2019 school year

Mainstream Classes

Class	Teacher 18/19	Teacher 17/18
6 th	Mr. Colm Pilkington	Mr. Gearoid O'Connell
6 th	Mr. Stephen McNamara	Ms. Sinead White
5 th	Ms. Sinéad White	Mr. Eoin Glynn
5 th	Mr. Gearoid O'Connell	Ms. Mairead Greene
4 th	Ms. Mairead Greene	Mrs. Eisenberg/Ms. Bulfin
4 th	Mr. Eoin Glynn	Mrs. Eisenberg/Ms. Bulfin
4 th	Ms. Roisin Faherty	Mrs. Eisenberg/Ms. Bulfin
3 rd	Mrs. Marion Eisenberg	Ms. Sharon Quinn
3 rd	Ms. Kate Bulfin	Ms. Orlaith Ni Mhuiris
2 nd	Ms. Sharon Quinn	From 3 1 st classes
2 nd	Ms. Orlaith Ní Mhuiris	From 3 1 st classes
1 st	Ms. Deirbhile Kelleher	From 3 senior infants
1 st	Ms. Aimee Moore	From 3 senior infants
Seniors	Ms. Irene McMahon	Ms. Roisin McMahon
Seniors	Ms. Olivia Morris	Ms. Maria O'Driscoll
Juniors	Ms. Maria O'Driscoll	New Junior Infants
Juniors	Ms. Roisin McMahon	New Junior Infants

Special Education Teachers: Ms. Patricia Garry, Ms. Audrey Cleary, Ms. Mary Malone, Ms. Deirdre McDonagh, Ms. Laura Hogan, Ms. Maeve Gough, Ms. Catriona Moloney, Mrs. Anita Glynn/Mrs. Karen McInerney (job sharing).