

# St. Conaire's Newsletter

April 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Parents' Association Annual Family Fun Walk:** The 2019 Fun Walk took place on Friday, April 12<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. A huge thank you goes to everyone who turned out to make the walk such a success. It was the biggest turn out we have had to date. 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 201/2020:** The school book shop will be taking advance orders in the coming weeks. More information on dates and payments will be released soon. We urge all families to take advantage of this great facility. An additional improvement this year will be the establishment of a secure e-payments facility. This will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

**Standardised Testing in English and Mathematics 2019:** All schools are obliged to complete testing in English and Mathematics in this term. The testing in St. Conaire's is scheduled for the period May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive. It is most important that all pupils are in school at that time so that we can get an accurate picture of pupil achievement. The results will be sent home with the summer school report at the end of June. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Cake Sale, Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** The Parents Association will be holding their final cake sale of the year on this Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All funds raised will go towards school activities and include the purchase of new ipads and literacy materials. All your support is gratefully appreciated.

**5<sup>th</sup> Class Trip to see Warhorse:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> classes travelled to Dublin over the Easter holidays to see *Warhorse* in the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre. They had a lovely trip and enjoyed the play greatly. Their behaviour was a credit to their parents and their teachers. Many thanks to Mr. O'Connell for organising the outing so well.

**Best wishes to Second Class:** We wish our two second classes all the best as they complete their final preparations for the First Holy Communion Ceremony on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. The children and the teachers are working hard to make this a very special event.

**Trócaire Boxes 2019:** If you have a Trócaire box at home you can bring it to the school and we will pass it on to Fr. Arnie at the church for you.

**Missing Scooter:** A black and red scooter went missing from the school just before the Easter break. If you have come across it please let the school office know so that we can return it to its owner as soon as possible.

**School playing field:** We will be opening up the field to pupils at break times in the coming week. This is a great addition to our facilities and we are looking forward to it being used.

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**2019 Science Award Submission:** All classes in the school have spent the year working hard at science. We have recorded the work in an on-line format 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.

**Teaching Practice:** Currently we have two student teachers from Mary Immaculate College undertaking teaching practice in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes. Ms. Aoife Crimmins is assigned to Ms. Bulfin’s 3<sup>rd</sup> class and Ms. Sasha McGettrick is assigned to Mr. Glynn’s 4<sup>th</sup> class.

**School Tours 2019:** The 2019 school tours will be taking place in May/June. The list of tours is published below. Please keep this note for your own information.

Class	Date	Destination
Juniors	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Stonehall Farm
Seniors	June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Moher Hill Farm
First Class	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Croom Adventure Centre
Second Class	June 12 <sup>th</sup>	University of Limerick Activity Centre
Third Class	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pure Skill/The Galway Museum
Fourth Class	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Centre, Kilfinane, Co. Limerick
Fifth Class	June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Derg Isle Centre, Scarriff
Sixth Class	June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Lough Key, Roscommon

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

**Swimming Schedule for this term:** The following classes will be going to swimming this term in Shannon Leisure Centre:

- Mr. McNamara’s 6<sup>th</sup> class ..... Tuesdays
- Mr. Pilkington’s 6<sup>th</sup> class..... Wednesdays
- Mr. Glynn’s 4<sup>th</sup> class ..... Mondays
- Ms. Faherty’s 4<sup>th</sup> class..... Mondays
- Mr. O’Connell’s 5<sup>th</sup> class ..... Tuesdays
- Ms. Bulfin’s 3<sup>rd</sup> class..... Fridays
- Mrs. Eisenberg’s 3<sup>rd</sup> class..... Fridays

**Enhancing Communications through Aladdin Connect:** In order to improve our communication systems we are introducing a new system called **Aladdin Connect**. This is a comprehensive communication platform which will include a wide range of features including a parent portal, a parent/teacher meeting scheduler, a facility for letting us know absence reasons, a new SMS service, notice board alerts and many other items. This will be rolled out in the coming weeks and we will be sending out more comprehensive information at that time.

Yours sincerely,  
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