

Cornamaddy Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

May Bank Hol: School Closed Monday 2nd
& Tuesday 3rd May

Communion: Saturday 7th May, 11am

Curriculum Planning Day:

School closed Friday 20th May

June Mid Term:

School Closed Mon 6th to Friday 10th
June.

Summer Holidays: Thursday 30th June

New School Year:

School reopens Thursday 1st September

Curriculum Planning Day

The Department of Education is introducing a new Primary Language Curriculum (Irish and English) next year. An in-school training day for staff on this curriculum change will take place on Friday 20th May. School will be closed on this day.

Swimming

This term, pupils from 3rd to 5th classes are again having swimming lessons at the Regional Sports Centre on Thursday mornings from 11am to 12 noon. **The Annual Swimming Gala will take place on Thursday 2nd June.**

Visit to Ericsson

Sixth class pupils visited LM Ericsson on Tuesday 16th April to view the working environment and learn about the work of the company. Thank you to all at Ericsson for a great day.

Modern Dance:

3rd to 6th Classes enjoyed modern dance lessons with Patricia McDermott last term and treated us to a show at the end. We hope their parents enjoyed the shows they held on 9th March to display what they had learned.



Confirmation and Communion

Pupils in sixth class were confirmed in Our Lady Queen of Peace church last Saturday, 23rd April, while our second class pupils will receive their First Holy Communion next weekend, 7th May. We ask God's blessings on them all.



Proclamation Day 15th March

All classes in our school learned about the Easter Rising of 1916, during the spring and the school celebrated our National identity like all other schools on Proclamation Day.

The ceremony included music, dance, readings and song. The pupils read from the 1916 Proclamation and from their own modern proclamation, before going outside to raise the flag.

Well done to all our musicians from fifth and sixth class who provided the music on the day.

The flag was raised for us by Nikita Stokes and Pranaya Padmanaban, the oldest and youngest pupils in the school on the day.

The Cornamaddy School Proclamation can be read on our website.

Time Capsule

To coincide with Proclamation Day, Mrs Sheridan arranged for a Time-Capsule to be prepared for Cornamaddy School. Photos of children in each class and of the staff were gathered, along with lists of names, and art work and writing from the children. This has all been sealed in our capsule which is on display inside the front door.

The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 2086 - This will coincide with the 200th anniversary of the school.

Who will be around to see it, and what will our school be like then?

School Tours

School tours are being arranged for all classes from First upwards at the moment. You will receive a letter from your child's class teacher when details are finalised.

Parents Association News:

Easter Raffle: Monday 14th March saw the Easter draw take place in the school Prize Winners as follows:

1st Prize: Tablet Richard Tobin

2nd Prize: Voucher Thyme Restaurant
Henson Family

3rd Prize: Town Centre Voucher
Veronica Sammon

4th Prize: Hamper Nathan McKeon

Sellers' Prizes

Girls: Jessica Henson

Boys: Liam Chapel

Visit to Custume Barracks

Fourth Class had a tour of Custume Barracks on Wednesday 24th February. This was a very exciting and informative day out, thanks to all members of our Defence Forces who were involved.

Visit to St Mel's Cathedral

6th Class pupils travelled to Longford on Wednesday 6th April to visit St Mel's Cathedral. They also met with Bishop Francis Duffy ahead of their Confirmation Day. Many thanks Fr Turlough & Fr Mark for organising this visit.

Library Visit

First and Second Class Children went on an outing to the Aidan Heavey Library in Athlone over the last few weeks. They completed their application cards and are now members of the local library.

