

Cornamaddy Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Summer Holidays:

School Closes: Friday 29th June at 12pm.

School Re-opens for 2018/19 year:

Thursday 30th August at 9.20am

Ms. Tina Connelly Retirement

Ms. Tina Connelly joined the staff of Cornamaddy N.S. in 1985. Tina's final day in our school will be on Friday 29th June. During her time here she has given great service to our school as a mainstream teacher in our junior classes and more recently as a Resource teacher. She has been a member of the middle management team in our school for many years providing great advice and guidance on curricular and organisational matters. Tina has been a wonderful colleague, mentor and friend to all who worked with her.

We would like to wish her health and happiness in her retirement.



School Tours

In recent weeks, the various classes have been on school tours:

First Class went to Turoe Pet Farm.

Second Class sampled "Life in a Big House" at Clonard House near Mullingar. *Third and Fourth Classes* had a great day at Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. *Fifth and Sixth Classes* spent a very active day at Birr Outdoor Education Centre.

Walking/Running Track

During the midterm at the end of May, the walking track was laid down around our school field. This has been a great success with children using it even before school starts in the morning. It is wonderful to see fund-raising lead to such a useful facility for our pupils.

Active Week

This year, as part of our work towards an Active Schools flag, we had an Active week from 11th-15th June, finishing with Sports day. Everybody from Junior Infants to 6th Class thoroughly enjoyed the dance, orienteering, walking, cycling, skipping and other activities during the week. Our senior classes took the opportunity to cycle (5th & 6th) or walk (3rd & 4th) on the greenway, while 1st class supported the Regional Sports Centre fundraising for Athlone Mental Health Group

School Garden

The school garden is looking lovely with all the beautiful flowers in bloom at the moment. The raised beds that were put in last year have been a great success and are now an integral feature of our school garden. We thank Westmeath County Council for a grant of €400 towards this garden from the Local Agenda 21 community grant. Thanks to Fernhill Garden Centre for donation of bulbs. Of course, we also want to thank our own Parents Association and your generosity for last year's donation of €1000 towards this project.



Crystal displays her winning "Crazy Hair"

Best Wishes to 6th Class Pupils

Our Sixth class pupils will leave Cornamaddy NS today to continue their journey through life. They will have a Mass & outing to the Bowling Alley this evening to close out their time in our school. We wish them every blessing in their future education and whatever they choose to do in the future.

Board of Management News:

Board of Management Meeting 13th June 2018

Board Members:

Stan Fallon, Fr Turlough Baxter, Joe Connaughton, Karen McMorrow, Aidan Barry, Doron Harte, Cepta Brougham, Pat Fox.

1. Pupil Attendance:

Pupil attendance figures for the school year 2017/18 were discussed by the BoM.

2. BoM End of Year Report

The end of year report was approved by the BoM. **This is available on our school website**

3. Policy Reviews:

The BoM reviewed our policies on SEN, GDPR and School Outings.

4. Standardised Test Results:

BoM reviewed scores in Literacy and Numeracy tests carried out in May 2018

Calendar Sept '18 -Jan '19

School Commences:

Thursday 30th Aug 2018

Oct Mid Term:

Mon 29th Oct to Fri 2nd Nov

Christmas Hols:

Fri 21st Dec

Re-opening:

Mon 7th Jan 2019

Enjoy the
Summer Holidays!

