

# Easter Newsletter

## Caherelly NS



### Easter holidays:

We break up for Easter holidays on Friday April 8th at 12 noon. School will reopen on Monday April 25th.

As we draw to the end of another term, I would like to wish all of our pupils a well deserved rest with their families. It's been a very busy term and we have finally had a chance to get back to activities that we have missed over the past two years.

Many staff and pupils have had Covid this term. We have done our best to keep everything as normal as possible. Thanks to all our teaching staff who kept lesson plans coming to their pupils during their illness.

Thanks also to parents for their consideration and understanding in what has been an unpredictable period for us all.

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### Uniform

You have voted 56/18, in favour of tracksuit only from September. Some will be disappointed but democracy will prevail. The BOM have approved the change. There are several advantages, to name a few; outdoor activity, sport, etc can be done any day, tracksuits are more comfortable and make it easier for younger children to dress independently. This top is similar to the design of our new half-zip top.



Shorts may be worn from the Easter Holidays. Shops have shorts in stock at the moment. They must be plain navy, mid thigh or longer, no leggings or short sports shorts.

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### School Activities

#### Swimming

Classes from 3-6th travel by bus each Friday to the UL swimming pool. It's a great opportunity for our pupils and they are really enjoying this strand of the PE curriculum.

### **Hurling & Football**

Cumman na mBunscol games have recommenced for the first time in three years. It's fantastic to see our teams back on the playing field again.

The Limerick teams this year selected players from 6th class only to ensure this cohort of children did not miss out. We had two pupils, Daniel Barry and Shane Wharton represent us on the boys hurling and football East Limerick teams.

Congratulations to the East Limerick team who won the Mackey Cup in late March.



Our girls football team who recently took part in the Mini7s competition.

Our school will be taking part in the football, hurling and camogie 11-a-side and 9-a-side competitions in May and June. Pupils from 4th to 6th will take part in these games.

### **Book Fair**

We held a Scholastic Bookfair in March. It was great to have the fair back in our school and it gave staff a chance to meet parents which was nice after having our doors closed to visitors for so long. The Book Fair earned a total of €1365.00 in book rewards, which will be reinvested in our class libraries for the Accelerated Programme. (More to follow on this later in the year)

Thanks to all parents for their generosity.



**World Book Day** took place at this time also and our pupils took part in various activities during the day. They made a fantastic effort for our dress up day!!

### **St Patrick's Day Parade**



For Seachtain na Gaeilge we held a Ceilí Mór. We invited dance teacher, Pat O'Dea, back for a one day ceili. All classes learned the basic steps for Balla Luimní. Great fun was had on the day.

On March 16th we raised the tri-colour outside our school and had our own St Patrick's Parade.

### **Geoff Hunt - Heritage in Schools**



4th class travelled to Lough Gur with Geoff Hunt. They used nets to take samples of the creatures from the lake. The samples were then taken back to the classroom and each child had the opportunity to look at each creature under a microscope. Geoff taught them so much and they were so interested and enthusiastic.

In the afternoon, 5th and 6th class spent some time bird watching with Geoff.

### **Picker Pals**

4th class recently began the Picker Pals programme. They have been taking home the Picker Pack and leading their family on a litter picking adventure to help clean up their local environment. Here are some of our Picker Pals in action.

# Picker PALS



## Limerick TLC Cleanup

We have registered for the Limerick TLC cleanup. Ms Conway's class will pick litter from pitch and roadsides near the school later this week.

## Green Flag

We have been awarded a grant from Gaisce for a bicycle shelter for our school. This will be installed in the near future.

A Green Schools Committee has been formed with students from 3rd-6th classes taking part. They will examine the impact of litter and waste on the environment and explore practical ways for reducing and

minimising the amount of litter and waste produced by the school.

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## Pastoral

Pupils from Mr Keane's 2nd class made the Sacrament of First Penance this week. Well done to them and thank you to their teacher for preparing them so well.

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## Parent Association

Meeting date: April 27th at 8pm in school.

Please do your best to attend. We have some events coming up which will need as many hands as possible to help out; School walk, First Holy Communion.

School walk: our walk this year will take place on May 27th.

It's a great opportunity to get out and meet other parents and staff. We will also be inviting the families of new Infants, all are welcome.

Funds raised will go towards the Accelerated Reading Programme and a new Sensory Room.

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## School tours

Our school tours will take place in June.  
Our Infants -1st The Old Rectory 07th June 2022

2nd-3rd Bunratty 07th June 2022

4-6th UL Activity Centre Kilalloe 17th June 2022.

\*More information will follow closer to the time

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## Board of Management

At a recent BOM meeting three School Policies were revised and ratified. An agreed summary of the meeting will be available on our school website as are our policies.

On behalf of the Staff and myself, we wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter.

Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go leir

Niamh McGuinness



### EASTERTIME PRAYER

Begin with the Sign of the Cross.

Risen Lord,  
we greet you with joy  
this Easter season,  
and we thank you for the  
gift of new life.  
Bless our food,  
our family  
and our friends,  
and help us  
to celebrate the springtime  
in our hearts  
as we rejoice  
in the good news  
of your resurrection.  
Alleluia! Amen.

Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

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